U.N. resumes debate on Soviet Jews

UNITIES VALUES (AF) — Semement of Novice Jews in the Security Council at Arab and non-Arab counties warned it Jeopardies the Middle East peace process. The Security Council planned to convers mother senton. ace process. The Security Council persons to constitute discussions on Seviet emigration to the occu-educaday to continue discussions on Seviet emigration to the O Wednesday to commune unconsum on ownse comparative to the United lands. Anne Mann, Egypt's permanent representative to the United Nations, said the international community was dutybound to "safeguard the endeavours for peace in the Middle East at this critical state in the process." He said Egypt believes that immigration to Israel, coupled with settling Israeli civilians or immigrants in the occupied territories, "constitutes a scrious threat to Middl East peace prospects." Musa said the United States and the Soviet Union have key roles to play in promoting peace in the region and called on them to entere that the rights of the Palestinian people shall not be jeopardised. "We must not allow sayone to waste this unique opportunity to achieve taugible progress towards a reconciliation between the Jewish and Palestinian nations," Muse said.



PLO lodges.formal protest with U.S.

TUNES (Agencies) — The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) has protested to Washington at a U.S. Scoute regulation protested to Washington at a U.S. Senset resolution recognising Jerusalem as Israel's "capital." The PLO gave the U.S. ambassador in Tunis, Robert Pelictresu, a protest note Monday describing the resolution as irresponsible, a violation of international law and a threat to regional security, the PLO news agency WAFA said Tuesday. At the same time it said it welcomed what it called U.S. President George Bush's commitment to international legitimacy. Bush has criticised Jewish settlements in Arab Jerosalem. The note said the non-binding Scuate resolution, passed without support from the administration last Thursday, "represents a continuation of attempts to hamstring U.S. policy by attaching aggressive Israeli attitudes." Morocco said it deeply regrets the U.S. Senate's resolution.

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Mubarak meets SPLA.envov

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CATRO (R) - Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, who has pledged to mediate in Sudan's civil war, met a representative of the Sudanese rebels Tuesday, presidential sources said. Lam Akol, the number three commander of the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA), handed Mubarak a letter from rebei chief John Garang, the sources

Rifai on lecture tour in U.S.

AMMAN (J.T.) — Former Prime Minister Zaid Rifai Tuesday left for the United States on a three-week lecture tour, a source close to the ex-prime minister said. Among the universities where Rifai is scheduled to address students of graduate level are Harvard University and the University of Boston, the source

Sudan releases Reuter correspondent

KHARTOUM (R) - Sudan released Hamza Hendawi, Reuters correspondent in Khartoum, Tuesday after four days in detention. Hendawi, an Egyptian, said he was given no explanation for his detention by the army-run security service. Sudanese anthorities have issued no statement on the case. He was held by security men at Khartoum airport on his return from Cairo last Friday. "I was in no way illtreated and interrogated only once. I was questioned about my personal life, professional confacts and in particular about a story. I filed last month on Sudanese-Egyptian relations," he said. On his release Hendawi, 33, was taken to the Egyptian embassy and handed over to Egyptian Consul General Ahmad Ragab. He was the second journalist to be held without explanation by Sudan, Last month British journatist Julian Ozanne, who reports for London's Financial Times and Sunday Correspondent, was held for eight days.

Moscow reduces staff at Beirut embassy

BEIRUT (R) - The Soviet Union has cut the number of its diolomats in Beirut after threats by a group to attack countries involved in the mass exodus of Soviet Jews to Israel, diplomatic sources said Tuesday. They said the Soviet mission had sent home some of its diplomats and their families and had asked remaining staff to minimise their movements. Their report followed a threat on March 15 by the pro-Iranian Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine (IJLP) to attack airlines and offices involved in the exodus of Soviet Jews to Israel. A fire gutted the first floor of the Soviet embassy in west Beirut Friday. One perton was killed.

Lebanese fighting kitis two

BEIRUT (R) — Forces fighting for control of Lebanon's Christian enclave battled with rockets, tanks and artillery for three hours Thesday, killing at least two people. Security sources said the fighting between troops of rebel General Michel Aoun and militiamen of the Lebanese Forces (LF) engulfed three residential areas of east Beirut. They said one of the combatants and a woman civilian were killed.

Rockets kill 27 in Kabul

ISLAMABAD (AP) — Several rockers hit Kabul Tuesday, killing 27 people, Radio Kabul reported. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack, but the radio, broadcast blamed U.S.-backed insurgents, who have been fighting for 12 years to topple the Communici governments in Kabul. The broadcast, monitored in Islamabed, said most of the dead were aboard a mini-bus that was hit with one of several rockets that landed in a busy residential district. Another 22 people were injured in the rocket barrage, reported Afghanistan's official

U.N. chief arrives in Aqaba

AMMAN (Agencies) — The United Nations Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar arrived in Aqaba Tuesday on a several-day private visit to Jordan in response to an invitation extended to him by His Majesty King Hussein.

Perez de Cuellar, who is accompanied by his wife, was received upon arrival by Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem, Jordan's permanent representative to the United Nations Abdullah Salah, the Aqaba district governor and the Aqaba Region Authority president.

The King is expected to hold talks with the U.N. chief during his stay here. High on the agenda for the talks are expected to be the Middle East peace efforts and the stalled Iran-Iraq negotiations after eight years of war.

Gulf peace

Perez de Cuellar is pressing for Iran and Iraq to accept his proposal for a two-month session of direct talks aimed at reaching a permanent peace settlement.

In a report released Monday at the U.N., Perez de Cuellar called for leaders of both countries to give added political impetus to the talks by indicating to each other their sincerity to restart the stalled negotiations.

The U.N. chief's report on the U.N. Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group also urged the Security Council to renew the mandate of the force established to monitor

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - A royal decree is

expected to be issued soon allow-

ing for an extraordinary session

for the Lower House of Parlia-

ment as requested by the House

in a memorandum to His Majesty

King Hussein two days ago, House Speaker Suleiman Arar

Arar said he expected the ex-

traordinary session to begin after

Eid Al Fitr, which marks the end

of the Holy Month of Ramadan

and said that the extraordinary

session was needed to allow the

House to study various laws and

Nearly two thirds of the 80-

member Lower House signed the

memorandum, which was sent to

the King last Saturday. The pre-

sent session adjourned on Mon-

day night in line with the constitu-

tion which allows the first session

to end no later than the end of

March and a new session is not

due until the end of October, but

a Royal Decree can convene Par-

said Tuesday.



U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar is received upon his arrival in Aqaba Tuesday by Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem (Petra photo)

compliance with the Gulf war ceasefire and investigate violations of the truce that took effect in August 1988. The current sixmonth mandate for the U.N. observer group expires at the end of March, but its renewal is considered a routine matter.

Perez de Cuellar said that during the past six months there was

was able to make headway, thanks

to close cooperation between the

legislative and executive author-

He said that the deputies had

succeeded in winning public free-

doms, release of political de-

tainees, and return of seized pass-

Arar described cooperation be-

tween the government and the

Lower House as excellent and

said that the government had

responded favourably to numer-

ous requests put forth by the House in economic, social and

In his statement to Petra, Arar

did not comment on the row

between the House and the press

which erupted Monday over

attacks by some deputies against Jordanian newspapers which had

published details of a "secret"

parliamentary session last week.

decision by all Jordanian news-

papers to not cover the House's Monday session in the four

dailies, started when parliamen-

The row, which climaxed in a

political fields.

Arar expects extraordinary session;

row with press remains unsolved

relative calm along the ceasefire lines and a significant decline in the number of major truce viola-

But the secretary-general said problems continue in an area northeast of Basra referred to as

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member investigatioo committee

to seek prosecution of newspap-ers which published accounts of

the "secret" session last Tuesday.

commendation did oot gain a

majority vote as required by in-

ternal laws, 16 journalists walked

out of the press chambers over-

looking the floor after 31 de-

puties, mostly Islamists, voted in

support of the recommendation.

puties Nayef Hadid, Mohammad

Alawneh, Fouad Khalafat, Abdul

Mun'em Abo Zant and Atef

Broush, recommended that the

House refer the case to the pro-

secutor general to prosecute

newspapers and agencies which

carried the session's delibera-

tions. They cited article 38-B of

the press and publications law

which bars publications from

publishing secret House sessions.

Al Ra'i and the Jordan Times

Wednesday published details of

the House's closed session which

referred nine cases of financial

and administrative corruption to

The committee, comprising de-

Although the committee's re-

reverse Kuwaiti move to

leave

By Salameh Ne'matt Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Council of Arab Economic Unity (CAEU) Secretary-general Hassan Ibra-him said Tuesday the council was seeking Arab mediation to convince Kuwait to reconsider its recent decision to withdraw from the council following claims that it was ineffective in fulfilling the

purpose behind its establishment. Ibrahim said the council's secretariat, which is permanently based in Amman, has referred Kuwait's request to withdraw to member states "so that they can look into it and initiate the appropriate contacts so that Kuwait does oot go through with

Ibrahim told the Jordan Times that Kuwait's decision, if not revoked, would become effective after one year.

Official sources said Kuwait's decision constituted "a blow to the council which has been suffering financial difficulties for several years as a result of shortages in

The sources said the withdrawal of Kuwait, along with its financial contribution amounting to 23 per cent of its budget, "puts the 13-member council in a difficult situation which makes it difficult to continue the work for which it was established." Kuwaiti Ambassador to Jordan

Suleiman Al Fassam told the Jordan Times that Kuwati "had repeatedly opposed the way budget shares were distributed among members and the failure of member states to fulfill their commit-

Fassam confirmed that upon a recommendation last week by the Kuwaiti ministries of finance and planning, the council of ministers decided to withdraw Kuwait from the council.

Kowaiti sonrces said the CAEU "no more serves the goals of Arab development" and that "its work has started to clash with the goals of the Arab Economic Council," an Arab League institution.

The sources contended the council "has failed to achieve its designed goals and has become full of profiteering and bureaucracies which amount to a masked memployment rather than productive offices."

The sources pointed out that the Arab League "is currently in the process of reconsidering several of its institutions with the aim of restructuring them or supporting them after directing criticism against their work, including the CABU."

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Palestinians, Israelis braced for Ramadan, Land Day protests

 Palestinians threw petrol bombs and burned tyres in Jerusalem Tuesday amid clashes in the Israeli-occupied territories marking the start of the Holy Month of Ramadan, police said.

The Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas), in a new leaflet, declared Ramadan a month of jihad against Israel. It also called for a general strike Friday to mark Land Day.

The Unified Leadership of the Uprising called for a week of escalation starting Tuesday, leadiog np to the March 30 anniversary of the 1976 killing by police of six Arabs in protests over land rights.

Land Day should be "special day of clashes in which our people and the heroes of our strike forces will teach the settlers another lesson of the intifada," it

Both movements seemed de-

termined to use the anniversary to escalate the 27-month-old uprising in the West Bank and Gaza Strip and surmount internal divisions and disillusionment. Israel lifted overnight curfews

on the West Bank town of Jenin and the Dheisheh refugee camp near Bethlehem and relaxed the night curfew in the Gaza Strip. Violence began early when

masked Palestinians threw two petrol bombs at Israeli motorists commuting to Jerusalem from the settlement town of Maale Adumim on a road that is a site of frequent ambushes.

The explosions caused no damage or injury.

Teenagers later burned tyres in Arab Jerosalem's ceotral Salaheddin shopping street and stoned and overturned Israeli cars. Police fired in the air and detained several suspects.

Palestinans reported clashes in the northern West Bank city of

Nablus, where troops dispersed a march by about 200 women. At least five men were shot and wounded, hospital officials said. In Beit Sahour, south of Jeru-

salem, demonstrating high school students stoned soldiers, who shot and seriously wounded a 17-year-old youth in the head. Palestinians said.

Clashes were also reported in Jenin. The army said it was checking the reports. Israeli police cancelled leave

and drafted some 2,000 reinforcements into Jerusalem to patrol the city Friday, when Land Day coincides with traditional Ramadan mass prayers at Al Aqsa

Security sources said that like last year, army and police were expected to place the Gaza Strip under total curfew and bar Palestinians from leaving the West Bank or entering JeruMonday the two parties vying to form Israel's next government were both plotting to deny Palestinian rights.

"The differences between Labour and Likud are nothing but tactical ones on how to deny our rights," the unified leadership of the uprising said in a

The underground leaders wel-comed the fall of the Israeli government as a sign of political crisis in Israel but said that both Labour and Likud opposed the establishment of a Palestinian

"The true yardstick of any government's commitment to peace lies in its acknowledgement of our people's national rights and recognition of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and the international conference,"

CAEU Peres: Either me or polls seeks to

TEL AVIV (Ageocies) -Lahour-Party leader Shimoo Peres said Tuesday that if he fails to form a new government, he will push for early elections rather than give the rival Likud bloc a shot at putting together a coalition. Peres spoke a day after he

failed to pick up a crucial endorsement from Rabbi Eliezer Schach, the spiritual leader of two small ultra-orthodox religious parties. Labour needs the parties support to secure a majority in the 120-member parlia-

In his speech Monday night, Schach sharply attacked the centre-left Labour Party, saying it had failed to keep Israel oo the

path of Judaism. Labour has severed the link, severed itself from the Torah. from the Sabbath and the past, the 93-year-old Schaeh told 12,000 cheering, black-hatted fol-lowers in a Tel Aviv basketball

Political analysis said Schach's remarks made it unlikely that the ultra-orthodox Degel Hatorah and Shas parties loyal to Schach would leave the Likud camp and join a Peres-led government.

the support of 60 members of parliament. To break the tie, Peres needs to win over at least one of the six legislators from Shas and two from Degel

tators are saying, we basically have to hold new elections," Peres told Israel Radio. He added, however, that be

would continue his efforts to form a new government.

Both Labour and Likud claim

"If it is true what the commen-

But caretaker Prime Minister



headed by Shamir.

voters would choose between

starting peace talks with Palesti-

nians or a continuing deadlock

Labour quit Shamir's broad

coalition government two weeks

ago because of his rejection of a

U.S. proposal for talks with

Palestinians in Cairo. He was

subsequently defeated in parlia-

the Cairo talks quickly, hoping

they would end the 27-month-old

called off any time there is a

parliamentary majority for hold-

ing early elections. The oext reg-ularly scheduled vote is io the fall

Labour has promised to begin

Coalition negotiations could be

ment on the same issue.

Palestinian uprising.

Rabbi Eliezer Schach gestures emphatically during his speech in Tel

Yitzhak Shamir, head of Likud, told reporters Tuesday that he felt Likud stood a good chance of forming the pext government and under a right-wing government that he opposed early elections.

"I don't think it's healthy for a country to hold elections in such short periods of time," Shamir said. The last elections were a year and a half ago.

Labour Party Chairman Micha Harish also issued a warning that new elections might be needed.

"The mood in the Labour Party is - and this has been my view for some time — that if we get into deadlock... the other option is to go to elections," Harish told Israel Radio.

Peres has up to five more reeks to form a government. Harish said if Peres could not gain support from smaller parties to secure a majority in the Knes-

set, Israel should hold its second national election in two years. "The Labour Party then prefers to give to the people of Israel

the decision on what should be the future of this country," Har-The party chairman, reflecting the broad Labour centre, said

In related development,

politicians from the left and right found themselves in rare agreement Tuesday in anger over Schach's remarks denouncing the secular life-style of kibbutzim. Israel's communal agricultural settlements. Kibbutzim are held in high

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Arafat: Israelis stalling for time against Palestsinians gave a slight nod. "But I don't Hindo India and Islamic Pakis-

NEW DELHI (Agencies) — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat said Tuesday that Israel's political. leaders were stalling over formation of a new government in an effort to gain time against the Palestinian uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. "I expected this," the PLO chairman told a news conference.

From the very beginning they are trying to win time."

Referring to Israel's internal

political turnoil following a noconfidence vote against Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and efforts by Shimon Peres to form a new government, Arafat said: To resign or not to resign, to go to elections or not to go to elections: This will continue, and in the end we will raise our flag the flag of Palestine on territory now held by Israel."

Arafat said after the news conference he thought Peres, who has indicated a willingness to begin some sort of dialogue on the Palestinian question, would win the Israeli power struggle.

"I think he will have a slight majority," he said. Asked if a Peres victory would make it easier to start peace talks, Arafat want to say anything now," he During the half-hour news con-

ference, Arafat criticised American senators who last week adopted a resolution that said Jerusalem is and should remain the "capital of Israel." "This is one resolution, like

other resolutions, that the Congress has been adopting without really studying as they should,"

"This is not a challenge for me only. This is a challenge for (U.S. President George) Bush, also, who said Israel should not have the right to settle new Jews in East Jerusalem as East Jerusalem is occupied territory," Arefat

Arafat said the United States was partly to blame for the flood of Soviet Jews to Israel and the possibility of them settling in the West Bank.

The doors for immigration have been closed for these immigrants in America and in other countries, he said.

Referring to the revolt against Indian rule in Kashmir, which is claimed by both predominantly

tan, Arafat said the two countries were friendly neighbours who should find a peaceful solutioo. He said there was no compari-

son between Kashmir and Palestine. Palestine, he said, is a "question of democracy, not reli-The PLO chief came to India to

receive the Jawaharlal Nehru Award for Peace and International Understanding. The award is named for India's first prime

During his visit, Arafat met Prime Ministr V.P. Singh, whose National Front coalition government took office last December. and with the opposition Congress Party leader, ex-Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.

On Wednesday, Arafat is to fly to Calcutta to meet Mother Teresa, winner of the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize. In 1982, at the height of the Israeli siege of west Beirut where Arafat and his fighters were trapped, the frail Roman Catholic nun braved the war to rescue mentally retarded children from a hospital near the front

tary correspondents walked out the prosecutor general for invesliament for an extraordinary sestigation and possible prosecution. of the session and staged a sit-in The Lower House which was at the House's entrance to protest Army rounds up Lithuania

VILNIUS (Agencies) — Soviet soldiers Tuesday stormed two hospitals in Lithuania to seize-Red Army deserters, the first violent action by Moscow since the Baltic republic declared independence two weeks ago.

Soviet authorities also closed Lithuania to foreign journalists, diplomats and businessmen.

Lithuanian President Vytautas Landsbergis said he feared the roundup of deserters could presage a full-scale military intervention to crush the independence movement.

"It is obvious that the Soviet armed forces have been given permission to use violence," he

Witnesses said some of the deserters were beaten as they were taken from a psychiatric hospital in Vilnius, where they had taken refuge after their republic's parliament declared independence on March 11.

Blood was spattered on the hospital's front steps. General Valentin Varennikov,

commander of Soviet land forces in Lithuania, said 23 deserters were apprehended. He said the deserters had become militants in the nationalist movement and were undergoing special training

deserters; fears escalated

at one of the hospitals. But Ceslovas Stankavicius. assistant deputy chairman of Lithuania's parliament, called the raids barbarism. Landsbergis said they were "open acts of

In Moscow, Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman Yuri Gremitskikh said all foreigners were being asked to leave Lithuania and temporarily refrain from entering its territory. Diplomats had already been

banned from the breakaway republic late last week, and journalists outside Lithuania were told they could not travel here. Soviet Defence Minister Dimitry Yazov said the deserters must be taken back to their units but

that the crisis would be solved without force. There has been no armed

everything will be solved by peaceful means," he said at the start of a visit to Paris. Landsbergis, speaking in Vil-

nius, told reporters: "We raise

this question on democratic nations - is the West once again willing to sell Lithuania to the Soviet Union?" A North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) spokesman said officials of the 16 member states had discussed the crisis, but said

only that they hoped for dialogue

between Moscow and the Lithua-

mians in an atmosphere free of intimidation. Lithuanian Communist Party chief Algirdas Brazauskas, who led the party's split with Moscow m December, told the Soviet news agency Interfax he wanted to talk to Mikhail Gorbachev about the military occupation of his central committee building.

"I did not think it was possible that crude armed force would be

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Muslims begin Ramadan

CAIRO (R) — Muslims begin the holy month of Ramadan this week to meet one of the five sacred tenets of Islam.

"This is a holy month which requires all Muslims to take stock of their conduct. It is a period for repressing lust and desire," Minister of Awgaf and Religious Affairs Ali Faqir said in an eveof-Ramadan statement Monday.

More than balf the countries of the Arab World began the annual fast Tuesday. Others wait for the sighting of the new moon and were expected to begin

In some countries it is a time of great celebration, with feasts of delicacies replacing everyday fare when the daily fast is broken as the sun goes down.

In Egypt, normally crowded streets turn eerily quiet during the day until a single cannon shot from the citadel in central Cairo echoes across the city to mark the end of the fast.

Streets lit with gaily-coloured lanterns fill with people feasting until the early hours. Just before dawn, men walk

U.N. chief

arrives in

Aqaba on

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Iran continues to flood por-

tions of the area, Perez de Cuel-

lar said. Iran's flooding near its

southern front with Iraq led to

the deadliest shelling to crupt

since the ceasefire took effect.

The flooding turns the marshy

region into swampland, making it

impassable to Iraqi tanks or armoured vehicles, U.N. military

observers say.
The U.N. chief's report said

international observers have pre-

ventd renewed confrontation

over the flooding, but Perez de Cuellar listed it as a key concern.

Moroccan mission

In Algeria earlier Tuesday.

Perez de Cuellar said he had made

progress in solving the 15-yearold Western Sahara dispute dur-

"In a sense we have made a certain progress," be told repor-

ters after talks designed to adv-

ance the holding of a referendum on the future of the former Span-

ish colony, elaimed by both

Morocco and Algerian-backed

"But there are still problems

that we must try to resolve as

soon as possible. It is a slow

Both sides have agreed to hold

the referendum on independence

or absorption into Morocco

under U.N. auspices, but they

disagree on whether Moroccan

troops, administrators and set-

President Chadli Benjedid Tues-

day after earlier talks with

Morocco's King Hassan and Poli-

sario Secretary General Moham-

The U.N. chief declined to say

what obstacles remained or what

the two sides latest positions

Perez de Cuellar met Algerian

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the streets beating drums to remind people to take that last sip of water, that last mouthful of food or last cigarette before the fast starts again. The fast is one of the five

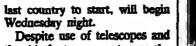
pillars of Islam, along with a pledge to God and the Prophet Mohammad, giving alms to the poor, praying five times a day and making a pilgrimage to Mecca. North Yemen was the first Isla-

mic country to announce the sighting of the new moon and along with South Yemen began Ramadan Tuesday.

Saudi Arabia, home of the holiest Islamic shrines, also began Ramadan Tuesday, along with Bahrain, Qatar, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Jordan, Syria, Iraq, Lebanon and

Egypt, Tunisia, Libya, Oman, Turkey and Iran will start Rama-

dan Wednesday. Morocco, the farthest west in the Arab World and always the



the aid of astronomers to scan the sky for the new moon, countries still cannot agree on the start of Ramadan. Each country wants to sight the moon for itself rather than accept what others see.

Adherence to Islamic strictures during Ramadan varies from country to country. All practising Muslims deny themselves food, liquid, sex and cigarettes during daylight hours. Children over the age of eight are also required to

Offices tend to open later and close earlier. Many cafes and restaurants close during the day. Nightclubs shut for the month. Enforcement also varies. In

countries like Egypt individuals make their own decision on whether to observe Ramadan. In Saudi Arabia people can be whip-ped and jailed for breaking the

In Baghdad, President Saddam Hussein banned any form of open violation and imposed a roundthe-clock closure of nightclubs, discotheques, bars and shops which sell alcohol.

U.N. launches relief plan for south Sudan

KHARTOUM (R) - The United Nations has launched a \$120million relief programme for more than four million Sudanese. but still has to overcome objections by rebels who have fought the government for seven years. Michael Priestley, director of

the U.N. relief programme Op-eration Lifeline Sudan, said Monday 104,000 tonnes of food was needed for about 4.5 million southerners displaced or affected by civil war. He told a conference in Khar-

toum of government officials, the United Nations and donor nations that the operation would try to meet the needs of 2.23 million people in the south, 400,000 refugees in northern Sudan and 1.8 million displaced in Khartoum.

He said refugees in Khartoum were not catered for in the first phase of Operation Lifeline when some 107,000 tonnes of aid was delivered to the south in 1989. The Khartoum refugees had little access to schools, bealth facilities or drinking water, he

He said the amount of food to be delivered to the south had not

been decided because the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) had objected to a U.N. proposal allocating more food to government-held areas.

The United Nations provisionally agreed with Sudan's military junta to deliver 50,000 tonnes to areas held by the government, 26,000 tonnes to refugees in Khartoum, 16,000 tonnes to rebel areas and to keep 12,000 tonnes in reserve.

The SPLA has told Priestley in Addis Ababa that it would not allow relief flights to the south until more aid was allocated to areas under its control.

It said the conference in Khartoum would be meaningless because rebels could not attend, but said it was ready to discuss the distribution figure to get the relief operation underway before spring rains began.

Priestley said he would soon meet the SPLA to seek its approval for the U.N. plan, which would include rebuilding schools and health centres and provision of cattle, water supplies, vaccinations, seeds, tools and fishing gear.

WASHINGTON (USIA) — U.S. President George Bush has paid tribute to the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC) for its "outstanding job of serving Arab-Americans." In a message he sent to an ADC conference this week, Bush said: "I am pleased to extend warm greetings to all those gathered in Arlington, Virginia, for the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee's National Convention. My heartiest congratulations on your tenth anniversary. When the founding fathers established this great union over two hundred years ago, they spoke eloquently of the dignity and worth of each individual and of our right to equality before the law. Abraham Lincoln reaffirmed these principles at Gettysburg, when he reminded us of the precious heritage given to us when "our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal." Today we know that it is up to each of us to demonstrate that a nation "so conceived and so dedicated" can not only endure through the ages, but prosper as well. That is why your efforts to uphold the rights of Arab-Americans, and to eliminate prejudice, discrimination, and stereotyping whenever they occur, are so important. Your organisation has done an outstanding job of serving Arab-Americans and promoting equal opportunity for all our citizens. During the past decade, your efforts to foster increased dialogue and cooperation between Arab and Jewish groups, both here and in the Middle East, have likewise reflected great dedication and vision. I commend you for all you have done and encourage you to keep up your good work."





Romay Carter

Carter: **U.S.** not pushing Israel enough

WASHINGTON (AP) -Former President Jimmy Carter said Tuesday he does not think the United States has pushed Israel too hard to negotiate with Palestinians on a Middle East peace set-

"I think our government ought to use its maximum influence — not pressure in Israel and the other countries as well to go to the bargaining table to find peace," Carter told reporters after emerging from a 35minnte meeting with President George Bush at the White House.

The United States has been pressing the Israelis to open talks with the Palestinians. The Israeli coalition government recently fell, not long after Bush stirred a controversy by criticising the settlement of Soviet Jews in Arab Jerusalem.

"I think what President Bush has expressed is a policy that's been our governments ... for the last 23 years," said the former president, just back from his latest trip to the Middle East.

"I was very encouraged with this trip in spite of the uncertainty about the Israeli government," Carter told reporters. "I think that there is a general acceptance now that a comprehensive peace is not only necessary but I think inevitable."

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Ibrahim dismissed the charges and said the council was "at the forefront of Arab institutions in the field of Arab economic integration." He said the council achieved many successes including the decision to establish the Arab common market and organising trade relations among member states and setting up joint Arab companies, in addition to establishing unions and issuing studies and research which formed the basis for bilateral and multilateral agreements signed among Arab states."

Ibrahim said Kuwait's contribution to the council amounted to 23.73 per cent of the annual budget (\$218,000) and for the past four years, Kuwait did not pay its share of the budget. He said that if 1990 is included, Kuwait would have to pay \$1.6 million in arrears.

Lebanese flock to embassies in biggest emigration wave of war

By Diana Abdallah Reuter

NICOSIA - "There is no more respect for human beings. We are all treated like dogs in Lebanon. There is no more hope," said Tony Aoun.

Aoun, a 25-year-old computer science graduate is one of thousands of Lebanese who are leaving everything behind to seek new homes and a new life. Mostly in Canada and the United States, in the worst wave of emigration in 15 years of civil war.

"The war is making our children crazy, they deserve a bet-ter life," said Dalal Kayali, waiting at the Canadian immigration office in Nicosia. She and 34 members of her

family want to leave Lebanon. Lebanese university gradu-ates, students and families are crowding the U.S. and Canadian missions in Nicosia and the Syrian capital, Damascus, sometimes keeping nightlong vigils and waiting for days for their turn to apply for visas. Most say the past year of Lebanon's worst-ever violence

has destroyed their dream of peace for their country. Officials in Lebanon estimate that 400,00 people from all religious communities and

political factions ont of a

population of around three

Canada opened a temporary immigration office in Nicosia in May 1989 to deal with the rush of Lebauese, who flock there in their hundreds every day and shuttle between Beirut and

Cyprus for months to get a final

answer to their applications. Exhausted and bored, they sit around tables in an underground car park converted into a waiting room, for their

They talk about their homes damaged in shelling, their friends who left before them, others who were killed in the violence and their reasons for abandoning their country. Most don't know wbat

awaits them in Canada, but say they are so desperate they do

"At least there is water and electricity there. Our children won't wake up crying because of the shelling," said the chain-smoking Kayali, as she told of the fighting and the killings in her Christian neighbourhood of Ashrafiyeb in Beirut.

The surge in emigration has caused alarm in Lebanon where the Maronite Christian Patriarch Nasrallah Sfeir has appealed to Lebanese to stay.

The Maronite bishop in Cyprus, Butros Gemayel, warned that emigration "is not only draining the country of the old,

but also the young men and families.

"It is a shame that our young men rush to Cyprus and sit there like those in a zoo without respect or dignity to get a visa," he said.

But many Lebanese say there is nothing left for them in their country.

"If they want us to stay, the least they could do is allow us a decent life," said Aoun.

Robert Orr, chief counsellor at the Canadian immigration office, said the office received about 200 applicants a day. Last month it issued 400 permits to Lebanese, mostly fami-

Western embassies are usually cautious about granting visas to Lebanese following terrorist attacks in Europe and the kidnapping and killing of foreigners in Beirut.

For Lebanese, mass emigration is not a new phenomenon. Hundreds of thousands left in 1860 after bloody clashes between the country's Druze and Christian communities.

Thousands left during World War I, swelling communities already established in Africa. Latin America and Europe. A deep economic crisis has

have been extremely concerned

at the virtual closure of Budapest

There are no direct flights be-

tween Israel and the Soviet Un-

as a transit point.

also prompted thousands to seek employment in Gulf

Young men say they used to criticise their friends who left before them, but an inter-

Christian war which flared in January was the last blow to any hopes they had for their country. Nabil Barakat, a 22-year-old

economics student, said he decided to leave when he was beaten by militiamen of one Lebanese faction for sympathising with a rival group.
"Our leaders have led us to destruction," he said.

"I don't want to hang around in Lebanon to see whether I will survive or not." said a 26-year-old man surrounded by a group of contemporaries who nodded their approval.

Our society has disintegrated, there is no place anymore for young educated peo-ple... I am 26 years old and have not yet achieved anything in my life," he added.

"We stayed thinking we will get a chance to rebuild our country, but it was like loving a woman who did everything in her power to drive you away," another man said.

"At least when you work hard and you build a house and a business, you know you won't be destroyed by shelling. They will last.

Hungarian airline stops flights to Beirut

BEIRUT (R) - Hungary's state airline Maley suspended flights to Beirut after threats by pro-Iranian Muslim extremists to attack. airlines carrying Soviet Jews to Israel, airport sources said

They said Maley told authorities at Beirut International Airport that its flights to the Lebanese capital were halted until further notice. Maley gave no reason for its action.

The sources said they believed Maley acted in response to threats last week by the Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine (LILP), believed to be holding three Americans hostage in Lebanon, to attack airlines taking Soviet Jews to Israel.

Malev insisted Monday it would not reverse its decision of last week to stop transporting Soviet Jewish emigrants to Israel via Budapest because of the

nian-backed underground Shi'ite groups suspected of holding 17 Western hostages in Lebanon, have vowed to prevent the mass exodus of Soviet Jews to Israel. Arabs fear many of the immigrants will settle in the Israeli-

occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, where Palestinians want to create their own state. Israeli officials, expecting 100,000 Soviet Jewish immigrants this year and as many as 750;000 over the next five or six years...

ion, and Budapest is the major The LILP, one of several Iraconnection point. Maley said Tuesday it was discussing with Soviet and Israeli airlines how to soften the impact of its ban on flying Soviet Jews to

> Ferenc Urban, Malev's marketing director, said the airline was sticking to last week's decision to impose the ban.

But he said Maley was ready to provide ground support to the Soviet carrier Aeroflot and Israel's El Al in Budapest. "Negotiations are under way at

the moment. It's very important for us to have such a mess cleared

up," Urban said.
"The suggestion is that they have to solve the problem, through Budapest if possible... but we would help in this with ground handling, processing and so on," he said. He confirmed Maley had sus- 3

pended flights to Beirut but said the decision was prompted by lack of security in Lebanese airs-

Poland offered Monday to increase its flights to Israel to accommodate Soviet Jewish emigrants and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has also pledged to find alternative

MIDDLE EAST NEWS BRIEFS

Soviet plane crashes in Kabul

MOSCOW (R) — A Soviet transport plane crashed Tuesday as it approached Kabul airport in Afghanistan, TASS news agency said. The Ilyushin-76 Aerofiot, carrying non-military supplies, crashed about noon, the report said. The fate of the crew was not

Thai police arrest murder suspect

BANGKOK (R) — Thai police Tuesday arrested a Thai Muslim suspected of involvement in the murders of three Saudi diplomats here on Feb. 1. National police chief Sawaeng Thirasawat said witnesses identified Suchart Herabi as being one of the gummen who shot Sandi consul Abdullah Al Besri and two embassy officials outside their Bangkok residences. Sawaeng told reporters that Herabi, a Muslim from southern Pattani province near the Malaysian border, had given himself up to police after being tailed by investigators for several weeks. The arrest was the first breakthrough in the case. Thai police have yet to establish the motive for the killings. Sawaeng said police were tracking more suspects but declined to give details.

Chad reports border attack

N'DJAMENA (R) --- Chad said Monday Libyan-backed guerrillas attacked two government garrisons on the eastern border with Sudan, A statement issued after an emergency meeting of the cabinet chaired by President Hissene Habre said "Libyan Islamic Legion" forces attacked the villages of Bahai and Tine, near the Chadian town of Biltine Sunday. It gave no details of casualties nor of the size of the invading force, but said fierce fighting was continuing. The statement also accused Sudan of "siding with the enemy? and vowed to destroy "all bases of the Islamic Legion and Libyan mercenaries." Chad recently accused members of the Islamic Legion of fighting with Chadian troops near the western Sudanese province of Darfur. Chad and Libya have fought several wars over a stretch of desert seized by Tripoli in 1973. They

agreed in August 1989 to settle their claim to the Aouzou Strip within a year.

S. Yemen, Oman to sign border pact

ABU DHABI (R) - South Yemen and Oman will soon sign an agreement to demarcate their borders, and a frontier pact with Saudi Arabia was also possible, South Yemen's ambassador to Muscat was quoted as saying. The United Arab Emirates newspaper Al Khaleej reported Tuesday Mohammad Omar Basaad as saying most major differences were resolved during President Haider Abu Baker Al Attas's visit to Oman in October. 1988. "The near future will see the final signing of a border agreement," the ambassador was quoted as saying. South Yemen also has a longstanding border dispute with Saudi Arabia but Basaad said a solution was possible, "if there are good intentions based on mutual respect and non-interference in each other's internal affairs," he said.

Ethiopian rebels to release six Cubans

KHARTOUM (AP) — An Ethiopian rebel group has agreed to release six Cuban medical workers it captured in January during fighting with Ethiopian government troops, Foreign Minister Ah Sahloul said. In a press statement issued Monday, Sahloul said the Sudanese government had succeeded in mediating the release of the Cabans being held by the Oromo Liberation Front. He gave no information about the condition of the Cubans nor when or where they would be released. The six medical workers were reported missing in early January. The Cuban embassy in Ethiopia said four of them were taken prisoner by Ethiopian rebels and Sudanese army troops alleged to have been aiding them. It said it did not know what happened to the other two. The embassy said they disappeared during fighting around the western town of Asosa near Ethiopia's border with Sudan.

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Win some, lose some; you can't please all the people all the time

Parliament adjourns after winning freedoms

By Rana Sabbagh

AMMAN - Jordan's new parliament went into recess Tuesday after four months in which it consolidated democratic changes but disappointed voters who thought it could work economic miracles.

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"People want freedom but they also want economic recovery and progress," Arab nationalist deputy Salim Zoubi told Reuters. "Many of them feel democracy has not brought them either. They are. worried by rising food prices and our inability to help."

Lower House Speaker Sulei-man Arar said the assembly had asked His Majesty King Hussein to convene an extraordinary session after the Holy Month of Ramadan, which begans Tuesday, to catch up on a backlog of work on legislation.

The 80-seat House, dominated by Muslim fundamentalists, was chosen in November in Jordan's first parliamentary elections in 22 years. The King

agreed to elections after April price riots showed people had lost confidence in the govern-

The new House has persuaded the government to grant many of the political freedoms demanded during the election campaign, and in re-turn has backed an austerity plan agreed with the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Last week the House opened the sensitive dossier of government corruption and many deputies say they want to pursue their investigation no matter where it leads.

Prime Minister Mudar Badran has accepted the assembly's request to refer nine state contracts to the public pro-

In a bizarre twist, Parliament turned on the local press for reporting the proceedings of a secret house session in which the nine contracts, and 19 others also under review,

For the last two days local.

er parliamentary affairs in protest to the criticism.

Duputies interviewed by Reuters said the performance of the new Parliament was reasonable but much had yet to

"Given our short life span," we have achieved n lot since November," said Deputy Taher Al Masri, a former foreign

"Apart from (progress on) freedoms, Parliament has managed to act as an independent branch of power in line with public demands," be said. Now we have to focus on setting up political parties and try to improve our perform-

Abdul Latif Arabiyat, spokesman for the 22-member Muslim Brotherhood Bloc, said social changes, as well as legislation and democratic freedoms, were needed to remove deep-rooted corruption and administrative abuse. cratisation will help solve many. of our problems," he said.

Since December the government has removed work and travel bans on political activists, returned confiscated pass-ports, freed political detainees and eased controls uu the

It has promised to scrap Martial Law, imposed in 1967, by June, and to abolish a 1985 defence law which gives security officials wide powers.

King Hussein has promised n national charter that would set guidelines for multi-party poli-tical life and officials say be will soon appoint a Royal commission to write it.

Parliament bas found it

asier to win political concessions than to come up with solutions to economic difficul-

Jordan is struggling with an \$8-billion foreign debt, 20 per cent unemployment and inflation of 26 per cent in 1989.

months," said leftist deputy Deeb Marji. "Parliament, government, regime and people are all in the same boat."

Some deputies said the absence of political parties and the inexperience of some members made debates clumsy, and complained that they had no money to hire research staff.

The Parliament devoted much time to debates on whether to vote confidence in the government and the 1990 budget, but passed relatively little legislation.

"Some deputies who never held a political or administrative position understood democracy as the right to say anything without regard to the cousequeuees," said Parliameutary Affairs Minister Abdul Baqi Gammo, a deputy since 1956.

"But deputies are gradually acquiring experience, facing reality and understanding that their role is limited to legislation," he said.





The Lower House of Parliament, elected Nov. 8, has made much headway in winning public freedoms but little has been achieved in the way of parliamentary action towards addressing the root problems of the national economy

Agreements signed for Qasem, Abed Rabbo

AMMAN (Petra) — The Urban Ruscifa were expect Development Department (UDD) Tuesday signed two agreements with local construction firms worth JD 2,114,342 to carry out construction work at Ruscifa and Agaba.

UDD Director-General. Hisham Al Zagha said that one of the projects at Ruseifa entails building several schools totalling an area of 15,800 square metres, . a health centre of 510 square metres, a civil defence centre of 1,155 square metres and a community centre of 510 square

He said that the projects at

schools, civil centres discuss developments, Soviet immigration pleted by the end of 1990. The second agreement covers work at the Shallaleh district in Aqaba where a boys' school will

AMMAN (J.T.) — Deputy be built with an area of 3,150 Prime Minister and Foreign square metres, a project which will be completed by the middle of 1991, Zagha said. "The UDD carried out a hous-Minister Marwan Al Qasem Tuesday held talks with Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Executive Committee ing estate at Ruseifa in 1988. It is member Yasser Abed Rabbo now inhabited by 15,000 residents on the latest developments in who will benefit from the schools the Palestinian problem and and the other projects," Zagha the consequences of Soviet

Jewish immigration to Israel: Zagha and the managers of the and the occupied territories. two construction firms signed the The Jordan News Agency, agreements at the UDD head Petra, said Qasem reiterated office in Amman. Jordan's full support for the PLO's efforts to regain the legitimate rights of the Palesti-**NATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF** nian people, including the right to self-determination.

Abed Rabbo, head of the Department of Information of the PLO, is on a visit to Jordan for talks on coordination in the information strategies of Jordan and the PLO. He told the Tordan Times Monday that agreement had been reached on a four-point plan of action in this

His Majesty King Hussein received Abed Rabbo Monday. The PLO official delivered a message from PLO

Chairman Yasser Arafat to the King and voiced appreciation of the cooperation in the fields of information and culture between Jordan and the PLO. In the meeting, Abed Rabbo conveyed to the King the Palestinian people's pride in

Jordan's democratisation process and said that he felt that the process was also appreciated by the entire Arab World, Petra reported. Abed Rabbo, who is accom-

panied by two other officials from the PLO's Department of Information, has already held talks with Deputy Prime Minister: and Interior Minister Salem Masa'adeh, Information Minister Ibrahim Izzeddin and Minister of Culture Khaled Al Karaki

The Jordan-PLO coordination in information, primarily aimed at influencing Israeli public opinion in favour of peace and strengthening the: 27-month-old Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories, came upon the initiative of the Kingdom.

Peres: Either me or polls

(Continued from page 1)

(non-kosher) rabbits and pigs,"

Peres Tuesday defended the kibbutzim, who constitute the core of Labour support, even though he muted his criticism of Schach in an apparent effort not

"This is not the sum total of what the kibbutzim have done in this country," Peres said, refer-ring to Schach's remarks. "They built the land, they settled it ... " Yossi Sarid of the leftist

argued that ultra-orthodox Jews, most of whom are exempt from army service, have done little for

esteem in Israeli society. "There are kibbutzim that don't know what You Kippur is or the Sabbath... and they raise Schach said Monday night. "Do they have any links with their forefathers?"

to alienate the rabbi.

Citizens Rights Movement

in place for transit pilgrims

AMMAN (J.T.) — Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Ali Al Fagir returned tu Amman Tuesday following a visit to Turkey where he discussed matters related to facilities offered to Turkish Muslims on their way to perform pilgrimage in Mecca through Jurdan.

The Turks are usually housed

Faqir said in a statement upon his return that he signed the minutes of an agreement with the head of religious affairs in Turkey providing for administrative and health services for the Turkish

"In return for these services

cussion with the Turkish officials covered the prospect of transporting the pilgrims aboard the further discussion was needed on



Artist Association's efforts to bonour

Jordan honours artists

AMMAN (Petra) — Her Majesty Queen Noor Tuesday patronised a ceremony held by the Jordanian Artists Association (JAA) on the occasion of the International Theatre Day to honour pioneering artists in Jordan.

Addressing the celebration, JAA President Mahmond Al Ziyoudi reviewed the development of the theatre in Jordan and noted the great contributions made by Jordanian artists to va-

rious Arab artistic festivals. Ziyoudi called for approving the JAA's law after endorsement by the Parliament. He also called for covering Jordanian artists with medical insurance, social

security and pension schemes. The celebration included a pantomime performance in hon-our of the Queen.

At the end of the ceremony, Queen Noor presented certificates of appreciation and awards Theatre Wednesday.

to 22 pioneering artists, including the parents of two deceased artists, in recognition of their contribution to the advancement of theatre in Jordan.

The ceremony was attended by the information and culture ministers, and the chairman and members of the JAA.

Tu mark the occasion, the Ministry of Culture will urganise a play at Usama Al Mashini

Facilities AMMAN (J.T.) — Participants in the third conference uf the

at a pilgrims camp near the north-ern border city of Ramtha upon their arrival by land from Syria. The camp has been provided with all essential services.

pilgrims upon passing through Jordan.

and the assignment of a plot of land for Turkish vehicles to park on, the Turkish government will pay JD 4 for each Turkish pilgrim and pilgrims from Turkey could be housed at the pilgrims camps in Ramtha on Maan," Faqir said.

"In addition the Jordanian authorities will provide facilities for the medical missions accompanying the Turkish pilgrims at the two camps and will refer cases if need be to Jordanian hospitals, with the cost of the medical treatment to be covered by the Turkish government," Al Faqir said.

As for Turkish pilgrims travelling by air, the minister said dis-Royal Jordanian planes, but

ACC to establish holding company

Arab Couperation Cuuueil (ACC) chambers of industry, concluded a three-day meetings in Sanaa and adopted a uumber of decisions aimed at enhancing industrial cooperation among the four ACC member states -- Jordan, Iraq, North Yemen and

Egypt.
The conference, which was chaired by Khaldoun Abu Hassan, chairman of the Higher Council of the ACC Federations of Chambers of Industry and president of Amman Chamber of Industry, approved the formation of an ACC holding industrial company and endorsed the amendments proposed to its sta-

Participants also called for enacting a unified Arab investment law for encouraging invest-

meut in the four countries. Towards achieving this end, the conference has set up a fivemember committee, grouping representatives from the four ACC states. The committee was entrusted with studying the investments laws in the four respective countries and working out a unified law that will be applicable to these countries.

The conference also approved the convening of a specialised symposium on promotion and development of exports in cooperation with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). The symposium will be held in Amman from Sept. 17-29.

The conference also decided to hold an Arab industrial conference for the ACC countries in Baghdad befure the end of 1990.

Palestine envoy slams Soviet Jewish immigration

ZARQA (Petra) — Palestine Abdul Rahim said. Ambassador to Jordan Al Tayeb Abdul Rahim delivered a lecture in Zarqa Monday. In the lecture he tackled the question of Soviet Jewish immigration to Palestine. describing it as part of a Zionist plan to evict the Arab population of Palestine and settle Jews in their place.

The lecture was delivered in the course of a Palestine National Week designed to gather support for the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories.

"The occupation authorities pursue plans to flood the Arab territories with Jews and set up settlements tu absorb them,

"The intifada, now in its third

year, has succeeded in adversely affecting the Israeli economy which is beavily supported by the United States," he said. Calling for further support for

the Palestinian people under Israeli rule, the ambassador said the Palestinians hope they can return to their homeland in Palestine and set up an independent

The ambassador praised Jordanian-Palestinian relations and His Majesty King Hussein's support for the endeavours of the Palestiue Liberatiou Organisatiuu

Arar expects extraordinary session

(Continued from page 1) Other newspapers followed suit Thursday.
Information Minister Ibrahim

Izzedin, who was not present at the House Monday, arrived later during the sit-in and asked journalists to return inside to cover the session. He argued that instead of boycotting the session, "You can write about it." He said that despite the committee's recommendation, "there is nothing that calls for abandoning the session. This is democracy and you

should lobby for your rights." Deputies Fakhri Kawar, Salem Zoubi, Laith Shbeilat, Taher Masri, Ahmad Oweidi Abbadi, Hisham Sharari, Fares Nabulsi and Mohammad Aleim and Minister of Labour and Deputy Oaseem Obeidat abandoned the session while it was in progress to try to mediate the return of iournalists or to inquire about the cause of the protest. Arar also left the session to address the problem.

Arar said that the committee proposed to refer the case to the prosecutor general after failing to discover the sources that leaked the information. He said that "as long as the (press and publications) law is in place, anybody can seek prosecution of the press. This is a violation of the House's decisions and the law must take

Two proposals, one by Deputy Abdullah Ensour suggesting that the House issue a press statement expressing "dismay" at the publication of secret session deliberation, and another by Deputy Fakhri Kawar to abandon the investigation, failed to gain a majority vote. Ensour's proposal received nine votes while Kawar's was supported by 14. Attending the House's last ses-

sion of the first cycle, journalists expressed disappointment with deputies, particularly Islamists who sought prosecution of the press. They pointed out that while the government and the judiciary did not seek a trial of the press, the House was taking the initiative to smother press freedom. Depnty Dheeb Marji sup-

ported Kawar's argument that the purpose of forming the committee was to investigate deputies who leaked information and not the press for publishing it. Shbeilat said seeking prosecu-

tion of the press "is none of our business. It is the business of the government and the attorney general, not the House. Whoever wants to investigate must investigate deputies, ministers and senators who attended the session. Other than that, it is not our

In the session deputy Btoush, a member of the investigation com-

mittee, said the legislative branch "should not waver in its resolve to implement laws and regulations. Article 38-B of the publication law says that newspapers cannot publish anything about a secret session." Dr. Abdul Latif Arabiyat,

spukesmau fur the Muslim Brotherhood bloc, supported Broush adding that "we are not against the press or any particular party, but this anarchy and chaos must be stopped... we should respect the House's decision."

Kawar, who is also a columnist for Al Ra'i, said that the recommendation by the five-member committee had no legal grounds and should be rejected because it had no mandate from the House to investigate the press.

He said that calling journalists for questioning was not sanctioned by the House which authorised the committee to investigate deputies to find out who leaked information to the press. Furthermore, Kawar said, the committee itself met without notifying six other members of the committee including himself, "and decided on their own to issue such a recommendation."

Kawar, a member of the leftist "Democratic bloc," announced his withdrawal from the committee and said that its status was illegal. "In any case," he added, "had I been notified to meet with

the committee, I would have insisted that the press has the right to publish all information that it can get, without revealing its sources, and as long as it is not acting against public interest."

Kawar said that calling Al Ra'i's editor-in-chief for questioning was "an interference by the House in the affairs uf the press. The leak was made from within the House and the matter should be limited to the House. We shuuld not go after scapegoats in other branches of authority and interfere in their

Islamic Brotherhood Deputy Yussef Azem said deputies "should not mix between democracy and anarchy.'

"What happened is a slaughter of democracy with the sword of democracy for the sake of democracy," he told the House, "I see that the party to blame is that which leaked the information and

not the one which published it." Legal Committee Chairman Hussein Mjalli, said the House committee had no legal grounds in investigating the press.

Some journalists, satisfied with assurances by deputies, returned to cover the remainder of the session, but newspaper editors later decided that not publishing the session's deliberations in their dailies the next morning was necessary to straightening out relations with the Lower House.

King receives cables of good wishes

AMMAN (Petra) - His Majesty King Hussein Tuesday received cables at the start of the fasting month of Ramadan, wishing him continued good health and happiness and the Jordanian people further progress and prosperity. The cables came from King Hassan of Morocco, Sultan Qaboos of Oman, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, United Arab Emirates President Zayed Ben Suitan Al Nahayan, Emir of Qutar Sheikh Khalifah Ben Hamad Al Thur, Maldives President Mamoun Abdul Quyyoum, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, Syrian President Hafez Al Assad, North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh and South Yemeni President Haidar Abu Bakr Al Attas.

Mheilan announces new measures

AMMAN (Petra) - The chief Islamic justice office announced Tuesday that it had embarked on measures to implement directives passed by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan during his last week's visit and meeting with Chief Justice Mohammad Mheilan and other religious court members. A statement said that Sheikh Mheilan chaired n series of meetings designed to prepare the way for issuing a periodical on Muslim issues and organising seminars to be presented through Jordan Radio and Television. The seminars would be dealing with family matters and religion. The office will soon issue a handbook about various Islamic law applications and

research in religious fields. 3 killed in accidents in 1 week

AMMAN (Petra) - Three people were killed and 127 others were injured in 273 car accidents which took place in various parts of the Kingdom between March 17 and 24. Last week's accidents registered an increase of 12.35 per cent over last week's accidents, according to police.

Soviet ship docks with 750 tourists

AQABA (I.T.) — A group of 750 tourists of various nationalities strived in Aqaba Tuesday aboard a Soviet ship for n week-long visit to Jordan. The group will stay in Aqaba and will tour Wadi Rum and the Nabatean City of Petra among other archaeological and tourist sites in the south. The Soviet ship is one of four ships scheduled to dock at Anaba in the coming few days bringing in more tourists on a week-long visit to the country. The Ministry of Tourism and Amiquities has prepared a recreational programme for the visitors at Aqaba and other tourist areas. The Ministry of Tourism made the arrangement for the visits in cooperation with local tourist and travel offices. Ministry officials expects Aqaba to be visited by thousands of Finns and Germans

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time and place with the concerned institutions. **EXHIBITIONS**

☆ Exhibition of plastic artists Arij Al Hamad and Ibrahim Ai Nabakneh at the Housing Bank Complex. * Art exhibition by seven Iraqi artists at Abdul Hameed Shoman

Foundation (10 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)

* Art exhibition entitled "Spanish contemporary engravings" at the Royal Cultural Centre. Art exhibition by Ahmad Nawash at the French Cultural

at the Bani Hamida House - Jabai Amman, Rainbow Street. * Exhibition of pointings by Issum Tantawi at Alia Art Gallery. * Exhibition of handicrafts and paintings at 'Ai girls charitable

★ The spring exhibition of Bani Hamida women's weaving project

THEATRE

* Arabic children's play entitled "Ai Shahed" (the witness) at the Royal Cultural Centre - 4:00 p.m.

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★ Sendoar entitled "Crime and Society" at the Royal Cultural Centre - 8:38 p.m.

By Dr. Abdalla Malki

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Unfinished business

IT IS easy to sympathise with the call made by the Lower House of Parliament to convene a three-month extraordinary session starting May. The work load for the parliament is simply too great to be finished in two or three months' work a year. Judging by the number of deputies who have voiced support for the proposal of convening an extraordinary session, it would be difficult to deny the Parliament an added opportunity to work and serve their constituencies for a longer period of time this year. Some of the items on the agenda are indeed pressing and controversial. There is no way to deal with such a remaining heavy work load in a democratic context except through the extension of the parliamentary sessions over and over again. After all the members of the Parliament were elected and are being paid to serve the people of Jordan not periodically but perpetnally. The first ordinary session of the Parliament which has lasted for no more than 3 months may not have been perfect in every sense of the word, but it was a good beginning. The momentum of this beginning must not be allowed to getfrustrated by a long interruption. As the next ordinary session of the Parliament is set for October, there will be almost half a year of unreasonable break in parliamentary life. The unfinished business of the newly elected Parliament is simply too large and too important to be left in a state of suspended animation for such a long period. The truth is there might be good grounds now to facilitate the extension of the ordinary sessions of the Parliament to an extent that our parliamentarians would remain preoccupied with the concerns of their respective constituencies for at least nine months of the year. Granted governing the country with the Parliament continually in session becomes more difficult and much more demanding. But this is the price of operational democracy. As the country has opted for a viable democratic way of life, it would be difficult to explain the interruption of this much sought after democracy by electorate.

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In its editorial Tuesday Al Ra'i daily discussed the current efforts to form an Israeli government, noting that what concerns the Arabs is not who will form a government but rather the Israeli leaders' nrientation and whether they are inclined tn make peace with the Arab Nation. The formation of a government is not a success in itself because both major parties, the Labour and the Likud, are merely concerned with their own interests no matter how long it takes to form a government and regardless of whether peace is achieved nr not, the paper noted. It said that the Israelis are fond of playing the game of forming a government after strenuous efforts had been exerted and many difficulties had been overcome; and during the time of behind-the-scene negotiations plans for setting up Jewish settlements in the occupied Arab lands are implemented. As long as Peres is totally relying on the religious and extremist parties to form a government, there is very little or no chance that his Labour Party will respect the international will or abide by U.N. Security Council resolutions that aim to achieve peace, simply because the extremists refuse such idea, the paper pointed out. There, it said, the only remaining feasible base for a successful government in Israel is through imposing the will of Zionism on the Arab Nation, and any attempt to depart from that policy can mean failure.

A columnist in Al Ra'i says that Jordan is craving for a new school of impeccable and clean politicians and statesmen who can operate the country's nrganisation with success. The people are not concerned with a mere exposition of names of those officials involved in corruption cases, but rather hope to have a political system that abides by democracy in word and in deed, Tareeq sarweh writes. We are not trying to take revenge on individuals but we are trying to cleanse the political life in Jordan and rebuild confidence in the hearts of the Jordanian people and be able to deal with any future acts of corruption, and pillaging of the nation's wealth, the writer continues. The corrupt officials of Jordan, the writer notes, have created their own schools of thought that harbour enmity towards democracy and always trying to create crises between the regime and the people's forces and political groupings. He notes that these corrupt officials had always aimed to loot the country and sow seeds of corruption everywhere, a case that can be witnessed in many other developing countries which ended up being in deep debt and continually being ruled by martial law. Masarweh calls on the prosecutor general to study the cases fully and hear testimonies by numerous people before presenting his findings to the court that will try these officials, because the Jordanian people are seriously determined to pursue the road of democracy in all affairs.

Al Dustour daily on Tuesday voiced appreciation to the government of Prime Minister Mudar Badran for its deep concern over the situation in the south and the ministers' visits to the governorates of Karak, Tafileh, and Maan to inspect the situation there. The paper said that the open discussion of various problems and requests by the local citizens and the government ministers is bound to belp solve problems and enhance mutual confidence. Furthermore, the tour that lasted three days has no doubt given the ministers closer ideas about the economic and social situation and the areas which require immediate and urgent assistance. It said that the government is determined to extend all possible help to the local inhabitants as Prime Minister Badran promised and is now in a position to do so, especially as allocations have been made to launch income-generating projects and development schemes.

Economic Forum

Tax effort in Jordan is excessive

TAX effort measures how much taxpayers give in way of taxes compared to their ability to pay, or it is the proportion of tax proceeds to the taxable capacity. If the former are identical with the latter, the proportion is one or 100 points. This could be treated as an index, whereby the points above 100 measure the extent to which citizens are overtaxed. An index of 100 or more means that any additinual taxes may undermine production incentives and surely trigger tax evasion nr increase it.

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Of coarse, taxes in this context must refer to direct and indirect taxes paid by house-bolds and corporatinn to both, the central government and local governments and any; other taxes paid to other publicor semi-public bodies such as the universities in the case of Jordan. Social security contributions are also included because they are deductions from income and constitute a burden on the taxpayers similar to that ensuing from any other taxes.

Determinants of taxable capacity. The taxable capacity of developed countries is markedly higher than that of developing countries. This entails a corresponding difference in methods employed to measure tax effort. There are a host of variables used to explain the variance in that effort. National income or per capita income are irrelevant because what matters is not average income distribution but income concentration. Through customs duties, imports of goods have a positive impact nn the taxable capacity. Income generated in the mining sector has an analogues effect. The contrary is true of income generated in agriculture and wholesale and retail trade sectors. In most developing countries including Jordan agricultural income is tax-exempt. Domestic trade activities are characteristically nudertaken by small nnits which do not keep records and whose difficult to. tax if they do not fall, in the first place, in income brackets which qualify

for tax exemption. High tax effort. I used the above analysis in my Ph.D. thesis to construct a regression equation for the measurement of tax effort. According to this equation, Jordan's tax effort in 1988 reached 98, that is two points short of its taxable capacity, which translates into only six million dinars. This meagre sum shows how much taxes are increasable before they start to strain the economy. According to a different equation developed by IMF, the tax effort index in Jordan had already reached 148 point in that year.

The fact that our tax effort had already reached nr exceeded the 100 mark is most annoying because it is taking place at a time when we are in dire need to raise taxes in order to phase out the budget deficit as envisaged in Jordan's agreement with IMF under the economic correction program-

liament is so adamant in opposing tax increases, given the wild jump of inflation during the last eighteen months and the consequential drop in real incomes. The very recent debate in the House indicates that the rift between the deputies and the government on taxation policies is so deep that only through a lot of lobbying and arm-twisting that it might be redressed in line with the stance of the government. This poses a formidable dilemma for the executive who never conceived, in the wildest of dreams, such an opposition

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vision and courage.

The way out. Agricultural income has been exempt from income tax throughout the history of Jordan. An income of JD 2,000 originating in other economic sectors must pay but

when the amendments to the

effective income tax legislation

were drafted last autumn. But

there is still a way out, even

without income tax increases.

This might need considerable

an income of say, JD 1 million emanating from agriculture is tax-exempt. This is an odd situation by all standards.

Once the agricultural income is created, its earner should have no objection to pay tax on it. Certainly, levying tax on agricultural incomes that exceed certain amounts is desirable under the present circumstances of ecconomic stringency, at least until such circumstances change.

Customs duties. Levying higher tariff rates on imports is

higher tariff rates on imports is another outlet. It is particularly excellent because it does not only bring in more reveues but also protects domestic industries at a time when import substitution is badly needed. If they prohibit imports and thereby depress proceeds, high tariff will save foreign exchange and thus make more valuable contribution to economic adjustment. However, Jordan's accord with IMF prohibits the government from "imposing new import restrictions or intensifying existing ones for balance of payments reasons." This clause is sadly interpreted to mean that tariff rates must not be raised and no imports, whatsoever, must be banned. Actually this condition is a big black hole in that accord. The IMF should allow Jordan to get round it for one nr two years and Jordan must work for that end.

Other outlets. Of course the best way out of the tax revenue impasse is to improve collection methods and combat tax evasion. This is easier said than done but not impossible in the longer run. The mistake that the amendments to the provisinnal tax law revealed was that our tax anthorities had apparently believed that tax evasion could be tackled by decrees. Worse still, they believed that tax revenues could be boosted by higher taxes. They do not because they stimulate more tax evasion especially under high tax

Palestinian and Israeli youths join in dialogue

By Rosalind Mandine

WASHINGTON — Althnugh some people may use the word "conflict" when talking about the Middle East, some Palestinian and Israeli youths in Israel and the West Bank are finding that "dialogue" is a better word. One nrganisation that is helping these youths join in dialogue and understanding is Legacy International, a non-profit private American educational organisation.

Legacy promotes reconciliation and dialogue by creating linkages between Arab and Jewish youths and teaching them how to communicate with each other. They do this by sponsoring outreach and education programmes, training in communication and conflict resolution and dialogue workshops. Founded in 1977, Legacy is based in Alexandria, Virginia, and has a regional office in Jerusalem.

Legacy bases its work on the idea that "there is an inherent value in intercultural learning and that there is a possibility for achieving a common ground of understanding through bringing youths together" in a learning environment, explained Martin

Tillman, Legacy's director for International Education Services.

incomes are thus not easy to

identify and practically most.

Many of the Arah and Jewish youths involved in Legacy programmes have had little nr no contact with each other in their daily lives.

Before attending Legacy's summer programme in the United States last year, Saar Peer, a Jew from Tivon and Samer Dajani, a Palestinian from the West Bank, bad very little contact with or understanding of each other's communities. After their training, Dajani and Peer said they gained more of an understanding of each nther's fears and points of view. Peer and Dajani plan to use the skills they acquired to promote peace between their communities, the young men told The Pittsburgh Press last summer.

One-to-one dialogue is especially important when a regional conflict appears to be "intractable in terms of resolution on a government-to-government basis," Tillman noted. Bringing individuals together for "face-to-face encounters" will achieve "a measure of interaction not conceivable" on a larger level, he said.

When it comes to politics,

Legacy is non-positinnal, Tillman stressed. The organisation does not ignore politics, he added, but it is not interested in trying to convince anyone that one side is better than another.

Young people who take part in Legacy programme are nominated by community organisations they already belong to, Tillman explained. These enmmnnity groups are generally "engaged in dialogue and reconciliation," he added. This "self-selection" process contributes to Legacy's success in that these yonths are "pre-disposed to interest in reconciliation and bave already made some small steps in their own lives to understand and interact with Arabs and Jews where they are living," be said.

Legacy takes dialogue one step

Legacy takes dialogue one step further by providing training in communication and conflict resolution. In the Summer Leadership Training programme, a selected group of youths spend six weeks in Bedford, Virginia, developing and sharpening their skills in cross-cultural relations. The programme has grown to include young people from other parts of the world, such as Egypt, India, Pakistan, Jurdan, Lebanon, Morocco, Yemen, Nicaragua, Honduras, Ireland, and

An extension of this programme is the summer tour, in which Legacy selects a Palestinian Arab and an Israeli youth to meet with students and religious communities in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The tour is sponsored by an interfaith planning committee, led by the Presbyterian Church.

Last summer, Saar Peer and Samer Dajani were chosen for the tour. They were selected on the basis of their maturity, communication skills and most importantly on their "ability to spend a significant amount of time with a

counterpart," Tillman said.

Spending a month living together with host families and sharing their views on the Arab-Israeli conflict with Americans provided a "life-changing" experience for Peer and Dajani, according to Reverend Jack Lolla, pastor of the Plum Creek Presbyterlan Church in Pitt-sburgh.

Before last summer, Peer had

never had contact with a West Bank Palestinian. After getting to know Dajani, Peer "had to change his thinking" about the realities of Palestinians living on the West Bank, Rev. Lolla said. Peer is now serving in the Israeli armed forces. Dajani, who now attends col-

Dajani, who now attends college in the United States, finds discussing difficult topics with diverse people an easier task due to his new skills acquired through Legacy, Rev. Lolla said.

Rev. Lolla pointed out that

many of those who met with Peer and Dajani in Pittsburgh could not detect any conflict between the two young men. What these people did not know was that Peer and Dajani had come a long way in the dialngue process through Legacy's training, Rev. Lolla said. Previously, Peer and Dajani has found it difficult to accept each other's "reality," he noted. He credited Legacy's "fine work in teaching them how to

deal with conflict" for the turnar-

While in Pittsburgh, Peer and Dajani learned "to protect each other" and "work together as a team," Rev. Lolla said. At first this was a difficult concept for both young men to accept, he said. However, on several occasions Peer and Dajani "were being pressed by" those in the audience who disagreed with their views, he said. As the young men experienced this, they "realised that protecting each other was very important," he noted.

Learning to "manage anger better" and maintaining "a calm, rational way of dealing" with conflict are invaluable skills Peer and Dajani developed from their training and time spent together, Rev. Lolla said.

Although Legacy hopes to expand its focus on its programmes in the region, there are benefits to bringing Palestinian and Israeb youths to the United States for training, Martin Tillman explained.

"There is a real value to bringing individuals away from the conflict" in that it provides a "setting where old rules of behaviour are no longer necessary and tearning new ones is possible," he said. The workshop provides "an honest and open setting, which is conducive to nondestructive interebange," he added.

Once the summer training is over, youths continue their work in dialogue through youth leadership clubs, community action projects and speakers bureaus. The "idea is to provide a vehicle

for youths when they return... to feel continuously connected to ideas, issues and concerns that have been faised for them in the United States, and to continue to raise those concerns and deal constructively with their needs," Tillman said.

On return to the region, the youths concentrate on developing "hardcore skills at taking charge of the future and playing a constructive role" as emerging leaders, Tillman noted. Sharpening public speaking skills through Legacy programmes is one way of doing this, he pointed out.

Youths address schools, community and civic groups and serve as advisors to visiting delegations that are interested in meeting with a sense of empowerment, Tillman said. Expressing "strong emotions about the very complex experiences they are living with" to citizens in the region and to foreigners imbues the young people with confidence, he said.

Exploring complex issues of importance to the region is another way to hone communication and conflict resolution skills. A recent Global Viewpoints Forum examined the Israeli-Palestinian eennomic relationship. This kind of programme seeks to examine "complex issues of regional economic cooperation, moving beyond the politics of settling the dispute to the almost more intractable issues of parity in terms of economic development for Arabs in Israel." Tillman pointed out. Information Agency...

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARIES

Prevention better than cure

By Dr. Othman Zeid Al Kilani

WE were overwhelmed with hopes and expectations when we learnt that files and documents on corruption, which plagued Jordan for so long, have finally reached the media. The foreign media had earlier on revealed incredibly astounding tales about corruption in Jordan that has spread and permeated society, becoming like what we can call a "profession," closely linked only to those executive politicians in Jordan.

Corrupt officials in high positions have so far escaped all retribution and penalties, since very severe consequences and total ruin awaited any person who, in the past, might have dared to point an accusing finger at any of these officials. They were above all suspicion. All perhaps, except those scapegoats who were sacrificed for some reason or another known only to those in high places with vast knowledge about the intrigues and behind-the-scene conspiracies.

We are almost frustrated now to see that as the time became

ripe to settle accounts with these officials, and when a trickle of information has found its way to the public through the media about the wide-spread corruption that has been rife in our country, we begin to hear an outcry in protest at what was described as a "leak of information" to the press from a supposedly secret parliamentary session.

Those elements behind the outery seem to have forgotten the tale of the ostritch which tries to bury its head in the sand while the rest of its body remains exposed for all to see. Just what kind of secrecy are they talking about in a country that is totally expose to all, where secrets are far more known to the enemies than to the friends?

Corruption in Jordan abounds, and is documented in rather bulky files. Corrupt officials are not liable to receive any penalties or retribution because they have been able to control many organisations over the past years and because they have created many alliances that, in effect, constitute a special force, exercising pressure on various organisations and spreading like and octopus, paralysing the law, in total disregard to all ideals and values. These officials have practiced and encouraged bribery, tha taking of commissions, blackmail and the lack of a sense of national belonging.

Therefore, and in order to avoid a vicious circle of debate which

Therefore, and in order to avoid a vicious circle of debate which might only contain or dampen public rage, Parliament members are urged to benefit from the present situation and enact anti-corruption legislations. These should mainly include a law allowing the media to exercise the basic right of freely providing the public with information and the right to free expression about different issues without fear or any apprehension of possible

The required law should allow a journalist free access to all sources of information and should guarantee a legal framework for "publicity," this is what we hope Parliament will achieve through its deliberations with no encroachment on national security.

We want parliament to enact a law under which officials must be asked to account for any wealth they might accumulate. Combating corruption can only be done by revealing to the public all the facts related to various departments and officials running them. This will allow the public the chance to monitor officials' excesses and negative attitudes, and can serve as a strong deterrent. Prevention, as we say, is better than cure — Translated from Sawt Al Shaab daily.

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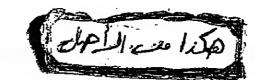


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OUT OF FOCUS

'Secrets' and 'scoops'

By Adnan Aqil Saed

THE OTHER DAY, I was exchanging notes with a friend of mine, who claimed he had "all there is to know" about the Lower House's "secret" debate on corruption and financial mismanage "Well, it seems that we are in for exciting times ahead," he said. "A lot of dirty linen is going to be washed in public," he added, tapping

I couldn't agree with him more. But did he really have that much information on what went on behind that closed doors of Parliament? "Of course, I do," he said. "I have it from the horse's

Good, I told him, but could he gracious enough to share some of the information? "No," came the sharp reply. "It is privileged information, you know. And I don't want to jeopardise my

Who were his sources anyway? I asked. "I can only tell you this: It is someone who attended the session," he said. Well, the term e" narrows it down to one "source" rather than "sources," I pointed out to him. "Of course, I cross-checked it with

Was it a deputy? I was simply curious. "There were also others who attended the session; you know who I am taking about —ministers and Parliament staff. It could have been any one of

But did he use the information and write something? "It's for me

to know and for you to guess," he beamed.

It was his funeral, I told him, particularly that the House was upset over "leaked" information about the session. He could be called to testify before the House committee in charge of probing the

"Who says I could be called?" he interjected, a tiny trace of pa creeping into his voice. He had nothing to fear, I tried to assure him. "It's only a routine; all they want is to put you to a test whether you will reveal your sources or not," I told him. "In fact, it is a test of your professional ethics rather than a bid to locate the leak," I

"Are you sure?" he was anxious now. I said nothing was sure snymore, and for all I know, they could start proceening journalists for doing their job.

"Prosecution?" There was no mistaking the trembling in his voice now. "I could be in real trouble." He was about to break down. Why was he punicking, I asked. Did he file a "scoop" story for anyone that could be traced back?

"That's not the point," he wailed. "But I have been telling many people I have all the 'privileged' information, down to the last detail."

What was wrong with that? I asked. "Well, half the town now believes that I know everything there is to know about the secret session," he said on the verge of sobbing. "It will only be a matter of time before the deputies get to me."

I said I could only offer my sympathy, but he should be proud that he was only doing his job. "Can I ask you a favour?" he looked at me intently. Of course, I

"Forget we had this conversation," he pleaded, I could not do that, I told him; unless of course he takes me into his confidence and

splits the entire thing.

He looked around furtively, edged closer to me and whispered:
"All my information was picked up from the local press and the news agencies. No one talked to me, I had no source, None of the deputies in the House even knows I exist."

Deaf and dumb latest tools for drug smugglers

By Issam Hamza Reuters

DAMASCUS - Drug traffickers in Syria, facing stepped up vigilance from police, have thought up a new ploy - using deaf and dumh people to smuggle in their narcotics.

Six deaf mutes have recently been caught trying to bring in hashish from neighbouring Lebanon, police told Reuters. They were questioned through an expert from a medical centre who knew their sign lan-

guage.
"The purpose (of using handicapped smugglers) is to divert attention from them and to make if difficult for investigators to discover the real sangglers who are using them," said Colonel Ali Darbooli, chief of Syria's antinarcotics bureao.

He said that although no drugs originated in Syria, smugglers used the country as a transit point to Western and other consumer countries.

Diplomats said hashish arrived mainly from Lebanon and beroin from Turkey.

As part of tougher steps to fight traffickers Damascus was cooperating closely with other countries, Darbooh said. "We foiled several smoggling attempts through coordination with countries like Jordan, Saudi Arabia and West Germany," he said.

Interior Minister Mohammad Harba stressed his determination to halt the flow of drugs in talks in December with U.S. Ambassador to Syria Edward Djerejian, Darbooli

Peace of mind missing from 'Home of Peace'

By Nur Sati Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — If one is old and sane, there is a chance of him or her turning crazy if admitted to the Home of Peace at Tla Al Ali. Here, the same and the insane are crammed 10 to a room, dimly lit, both from lack of electricity and because the rooms have been built so that other parts of the building surround the bedrooms and poorly heated, with bare bluecoloured walls and no carpets so that even a little bit of heat would be conquered by the coldness of the atmosphere.

Over and above everythingelse is a strong sense of despair among the residents of the home, but it has very little to do with the running of the

As one enters through the main door of the building, the first impression is of a relatively clean and spacious place. But the feeling is soon drowned with the echoes of moans coming from who-

Eight bedrooms - four each for men and women — are situated along a blue corridor. Each bedroom is perhaps only big enough for six beds. Yet, an average of 10 beds are squeezed together, giving it a boarding school look.

Benches along the wall are filled with old men, each keeping to their own, sitting quietly, moaning meaningless words or jumping enthusiastically to greet the outsider.

For an average mind, the scene is not without a tinge of

However, the fear is dispelled soon. "It is so nice of you to visit

us," says an old man with shabby clothes and a terrible stench, his face lighting up with a big smile.

Why is such a pleasant and normal man here? "Imagine," he replied, "my sons and daughters did not want an old and helpless man like me. They threw me ont aod brought me here. They were embarrassed to be near me. They never visit or ask about

"But I am so grateful to people at the Home of Peace; they really love and take care of us," he adds, gratitude replacing resentment over his family's behaviour.

This old man's case is not an isolated one. Most of the people living in the Home of Peace have similar cases of being abandoned and not having their families care for them. "They are either found in the

streets, picked up by the police and brought here, or their families dump them onto us," explains Father Musa Adeli, head of the organisation which runs the home. Obviously, the old men and

women are at the home to spend their last moments in peace, but "peace" is the one element that appears to be missing in the drab and scary atmosphere there. Out of the 85 elderly and

abadoned men and women, only 10 seem normal. Sixty five of them need special treatment and medication, says psychiatrist Dr. Walid Sarhan, who is among a few physicians to pay a weekly visit to the elderly.

There are some who retreat to a corner that seems to say 'no trespassiog." Others cronch, moaning, yelling or even becoming a bit aggres-

This mixture makes things very difficult for the 'patients' and the eight sisters in charge of the elderly," Sarhan says. Nearly 70 per cent of the men and women are "sick," severe mental cases, or severely handicapped. There are those who halucinate and some others suffering from brain damage or schizophrenia, and more, he

The more "normal" of the elderly continuously protest. They are badly affected by the 'retarded" and live in misery due to constant beatings, stealing and general disturbances from some of their not-sonormal co-inmates, according to Sarban.

"Where is my family? It is a mad house here!" says a woman of over 80 who is appears to fighting a battle against insanity.

According to Father Adeli. there is nothing we can do about this mixture of normal and less normal people."

"There are no places for the 'sick' to go. Apparently, they have been turned down hy the National Medical Institution (NMI) and the Ministry of Health because they claim that it is not their duty to accept such people," he says. "If we do not take them in.

Abandoned, uncared-for old people often end up in the street. One of the refuges available to them is the Home of Peace, where, at least meal at midday consists of

they will end up in the streets. What can we do?" Father Adeh asks. "We do not even have . the money to make extra space to separate the normal from the retarded."

According to one of the eight sisters who look after the patients, "no one comes to visit them. Occasionally people hring mansaf, clothing or money, but these lonely people are human. They need attention. They need care and people to be with them all the time." At Christmas or Easter time, children from a nearby school pay a visit. Otherwise, the elderly see the same faces

One day is no different from another at the home; which can ill-afford to offer any activity to its inmates except for three meals in a dining room at the end of the corridor with several tables and a kitchen at the back. Here they have their first meal at seven thirty in the morning — some milk, tea, olives and cheese. Another

meat, cucumbers and tomatoes. And the third meal at five o'clock, usually soup, rice and a sandwich. Six is bed time. "Activities" in between the

meals involve sitting on the benches, or walking along the corridor, Once a week the barber comes. Once a week the inmates get a bath and occasionally they get visitors. They do not have any activities such as playing cards, watching television or going on daily trips," one of the sisters

This is an old persons home, where they will spend the last moments of their life - unwanted, lonely and miserable. On top of which they have to bear the ugly atmosphere with an unbearable stench of an overcrowded room. "No other institution will

accept them or no other charity organisation gives sufficient money for the elderly to live decently," the sister said. "We do not even have

enough medicine," she said.

technically, they can hope for a place to die in peace. But lack of

resources at the home turns their life there a misery (file photo)

"We had to treat the patients with our own little knowledge, until Dr. Sahran came." According to Dr. Sarhan, oo

doctor was in attendance at the home for many years. Dr. Sarhan only began his weekly visits three mooths ago. "There is no support coming from medical institutions. They claim that since the Home of Peace is a charity, it is not their duty," he said. The Home of Peace is a

charity organisation founded in India by Mother Teresa in the 1950s, admitting only abandoned elderly, irrespective of religion, colour or race. Bot Jordan seems to be an exception - entering are even those who need serious medical treatment from Amman, Zarqa, Irbid, and the Jordan Val-

According to Father Adeli, the Home of Peace has begun accepting children on humanitarian grounds. Two teenage boys are amongst the elderly people hecause they are accepted no where else, says Father Adeli. According to Father Adeli,

there are over 100 young para-lysed or handicapped children waiting to be admitted to the Home of Peace. Additionally, there are over 10 elderly on the waiting list. The Home of Peace survives

and takes care of its people through donations. But, it is still not enough, according to Father Adeli. "There is barely sufficient heating, water and electricity," he said. "Although there are volunteers, they are not enough to provide money, equipment, clothes and transportation for daily trips."

But according to several volunteers, the Home of Peace is doing a miraculous job considering they are fighting against great odds. The institution seems to have taken the role of "home of all traits."

Picturephones — much ado about very little

By Gene Emery

PROVIDENCE, Rhode Island - During the 1964 world's fair in New York American Telephone and Telegraph Company pre-dicted that within a few years people would be able to see the person they were talking to on

the telephone. But like other optimistic predictions in recent decades underwater communities, routine space travel, personal helicopters and robot housekeepers — the picturephone is yet another example of how the future takes longer to arrive than we expect.

In 1987 three Japanese companies began actively selling such devices in the United States. But the products made by Sony and

Mitsubishi are not hot sellers and Panasonic has dropped out of the

"It has not been one of our success stories," said Thomas Lauterback of the Electronic Industries Association, an American trade group.

Some of the problems are technical. Until the current copper wiring is replaced by high-tech glass fibres, the U.S. telephone system cannot handle all the data a picturephone needs to transmit moving images over a phone line. As the resolt, the pic-

turephones on the market today send only wallet-sized black-andwhite snapshots, and they cut off all conversation during the five to ten seconds it takes to transmit a

Another problem is price. A

Sony face-to-face costs \$500 and Mitsubishi's Visitel retails for Furthermore, unless the person

on the other end of the line also has a picturephone, the caller's device is useless. Kozo Tsuya, Mitsubishi's division manager for visual com-

munications, said about 100,000 picturephones have been sold in the United States. Many are bought as gifts by people whose parents or children live far away. "They seem to do reasonably

well as gift items," said Lauter-back. "The impetus seems to be from the kids who have grandparents back home, they want to be able to show off the grandchil-

"I think the interest in the product is there," said Tsuya,

"hut a moving picture and the same kind of pricing level is going to be required for it to become in whatever condition they are," she said.

But that is not how today's

much more popular." "Ultimately we would want a motioo, colour transmissioo," Lauterback said. Althoogh using a picturephone

does not increase the price of a long-distance phone call, it can still be an expensive way to com-municate, said Laoterback. "I can put a lot of pictures in an

envelope (and mail it) for the cost of scoding a low resolutison transmission over the phone." One industry observer said the public may not be buying pic-turephones because they do not

understand how they work. They think that when somebody calls, the person on the other end of the line will see them

picturephooes operate. When one picturephone owner calls another, the tiny TV camera in the machine takes a picture of the caller, which appears at the

other end on a 10-cm monitor. Callers can change from their bathrobe, comh their hair, put a nice smile on their face and theo push a button to "freeze" the image on the screen.

If the caller does not like that snapshot, another one can be

Then "send" button is pushed to transmit the picture to the person they are calling.

The transmission takes up to 10 seconds and no one can talk over the line while the picture is being

"It's the same principle as a fax machioe," said Laoterhack. '(The image) is oot what you'd call high resolutioo." But a range of people aside

from parents and grandparents have begue experimenting with its usefulness, according to Mitsu-

The company said its pic-turephones have been used to send drivers licence photos between law enforcement agencies and to monitor criminals confined to their homes as part of their

penalty. What happened to the picturephone envisioned by ATT at the 1964 world's fair? The company decided there ws not much of a future for it and never developed the device.

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ed against the central commite." Brazauskas said after paracopers arrived with automatic tapons and radio receivers. He said Mikolas Burakavicus, ader of local communists re-

aising loyal to the Moscow par-, had informed him they innded to take up offices in the ulding, but Brazauskas said this build not be possible as long as kliers were there.

The European Community, in statement issued in Brussels, pealed Tuesday for maximum straint following reports of the dence in Vilnius.

Polish Solidarity leader Lech alesa sent a letter to Gorbachev ying him not to try to intimite or crush the Lithuanian inpendence movement. Pope im Paul also called on Moscow abstain from using military

On Thesday, Gennady Gerasiw, a spokesman for the Fore-Ministry, said a resolution ned by the U.S. Senate last ek calling on Moscow to halt intimidation of Lithuania was rovocative interference in the riet Uniog's internal affairs.

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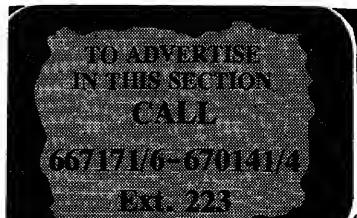
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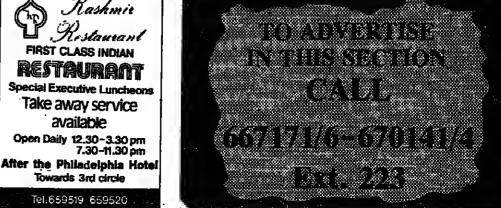
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ber 21) You have considerable

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December 21) Take time out to

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By Thomas S. Plerson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

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TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20)

Your mind is quick and alert to

realise advantages that come from

some money matter which is the means by which you can make real

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21)

Your ideas are easy-going and reasonable and you can see with

dispatch how to put a new course

in motion that make your efforts

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to

July 21) Your best results today

will follow getting off alone or with a confident and talking out private ways and means to ethence your

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Being in touch with a number of friends outlining what you have in mind of

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VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) Think over how you can get the good will of one in power by showing your quick mind and snalytical talent and you can furth-

er your public image.

more fruitful.

EC may propose cancellation of some Third World debt

SUVA, Fiji (R) — European Community (EC) Development Commissioner Manuel Marin may propose that the EC cancel up to 1.8 billion European Currency Units (\$2.2 billion) of Third World debt, EC diplomats said Tuesday.

Marin, who has said he favours an EC initiative on debt, could make the proposal when EC ministers meet their counterparts m the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) group of develop-

The two-day meeting starts

Wednesday.
The ACP states owe the EC the money under the Lome trade and aid convention, mostly in the form of development loans and unpaid contributions to the Stabex system of compensation for falling commodity prices.

"Marin may say the commission (the EC's executive body) proposes to cancel these debts," one diplomat said.

Of the 12 EC member states who would have to approve any such proposal, Britain for one was not in favour of letting ACP states off their debts, the diplo-

"There is a general recognition that the money is not going to be

paid back anyway," one said. Forgiveness of the Community debt would be little more than a drop in the ocean for African ACP states, who owe some \$200 billion in all.

They want the EC to discuss the much bigger debts between member states and individual developing countries, but the EC

ANKARA (R) - Turkey is seek-

which fall outside its competence. Debt is not an issue that can

be wished away. This is a matter which needs to be given serious consideration," Kenya's Planning Minister Zachary Onyonka told

Bilateral debt and debt with the Community are inter-related. Yon're dealing with the same people and essentially with the same problem," Onyonka said. "Trying to put it into two compartments doesn't help."

Developing nations borrowed heavily in the 1970s to invest in commodities production. But subsequent falls in commodity prices and rising interest rates have left them with no way of paying off these loans.

The Third World is currently a gross exporter of capital, giving developed nations more in interest payments each year than it receives in new aid.

We appreciate the bilateral efforts that some EC countries have made, but in some parts of Africa the situation is going from

bad to worse," Onyonka said. Meanwhile, the world's poorest nations, fearing the European Community is now looking eastward, will assess their future in a changing economic world when they meet EC minis-

"Businessmen and private entrepreneurs are being encouraged to go into Eastern Europe," ACP Secretary-General Ghebray Berhane acknowledged to Reuters in an interview.

ated by moves towards market economics in Eastern Europe should not benefit the EC alone.

"Fastern Europe should be encouraged to participate in trade and development with ACP countries. It should not be an exclusive kind of relationship," he said, adding that the EC could forge links with both East and

"The idea is not to marginalise the ACP, not to put them on the periphery of world trade," he

Lome IV, named after the capital of Togo where the original pact was signed, is the world's most comprehensive aid and trade pact, but the ACP countries are afraid the EC's overwhelming desire to support reforms in Eastern Europe is sidetracking its relations with the Third World.

While ACP countries have accepted EC reassurances that funds for Eastern European states would not be diverted from existing Lome aid programmes, they remain wary of a more general decline in Community evolvement and investment in

the developing world. "No one ever believed the convention alone could help countries out of trouble. It was only a catalyst," Berhane said.

"We always said private investment and bilateral development assistance would have to come in order to allow the convention to play a more important role," he

The ACP states will receive 12 billion European Currency Units (ECUs) (some \$14.4 billion) over

construction projects in the

Soviet Union by Turkish com-

"Satisfactory economic ties

with the Soviet Union started

with a natural gas link to Turkey

offices in Moscow last year and

three other Turkish banks plan to do the same, bankers said.

Industry sources said Turkish

construction firms last year

billion in 1988.

the first five years of the current convention, which runs until the vear 2000 - 3.5 billion ECUs (\$4.2 billion) less than they had

Of this, 1.15 billion ECUs have been earmarked for a special fund to ease social problems in countries taking the strong medicine of economic reform recommended by the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund

The two sides will discuss the impact of the EC's drive towards a single internal market on trade advantages granted to ACP states under the Lome pact.

The Community, anxious to protect its own producers, says it made big sacrifices under Lome IV in facilitating access for a range of ACP agricultural products to the EC market.

But the ACP countries say the concessions, which cover some 20 products and still involve quotas and other restrictions, concern only a tiny proportion of their

The preferential treatment which used to be afforded has been eroded," Berhane con-

Marin told a news conference Monday that ACP countries could best counter the threat of resources and investment draining to Rastern Europe and elsewhere by becoming more competitive themselves.

The ACP side has to offer a better platform to the international investor than the East can

undertook eight projects, includ-

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systems are not well-organised

and they still carry a credit risk,"

The Soviet Union is Turkey's

largest Eastern Europe trade

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"Eastern Europe should be ex-

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Czechoslovakia, Poland and East

Germany are in the first group

and Bulgaria and Romania in the

second," a senior government

official told Reuters.

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Beyazit added.

Algeria opens door to foreigninvestment

ALGIERS (R) — Socialist-ruled Algeria offered foreign investors unprecedented freedom Monday tinder a revolutionary finance law designed to help pull the country out of economic crisis.

The North African state's National Assembly approved the draft law on money and credit with only minor amendments, a journalist from the Algerian news agency APS said.

Algerian television quoted the head of the parliament's finance commission as saying the law would "allow the transfer of capital and its reinvestment."

As presented to parliament, the law for the first time would permit foreign banks and finance institutions to open branches in the country, which has generally eyed foreign capital with suspicion since winning independence from France in 1962.

Oil and gas revenues, the main hard currency earners, plunged in the early 1980s, leaving Algeria with mounting foreign debt and stagnant public sector industries. Economy Minister Ghazi state firms to seek out foreign nertness to boost exports.

The new law puts a powerful council of money and credit incharge of foreign capital move-ments and allows direct investments that create jobs and transfer technology in sectors not reserved for the state. Previously, foreign investment

was allowed only within the framework of joint ventures 51 per cent owned by Algerian state Algeria has consistently re-

fused to reschedule its \$24 billion foreign debt, which is expected this year to eat up nearly threequarters of its hard currency earnings of \$10 billion.

The law provided for the setting up of the country's first bond market which would refinance public sector deht

It also sought to reinforce the powers of the central bank, traditionally a tool of the treasury, and to promote "the creation of flexible new mechanisms aimed at economic recovery," the parliamentary finance commis

Hedouci said it was essential for **Brazil becomes** too expensive

RIO DE JANEIRO (R) — A Corinne Pasquier said they may new economic plan designed to cut short their 10-day trip in new economic plan designed to, wipe out soaring inflation has created hardships for those usually immune to Brazil's economic woes - expatriates and tourists.

In the past the dollar was king in Brazil and those having dollars found Brazil to be a shopper's paradise. New economic policies, however, have sent the dollar

Before March 16, the dollar bought 80 cruzeiros, but the goverpment froze more than \$100 billion worth of bank account holdings. The cruzeiro is now in short supply and the dollar only buys 35.

"Brazil has become too expensive. It's a nightmare for tourists," said an American pilot with American Trans Air. "I was here only a few weeks ago but with the. dollar so weak now, prices have

"The cruzeiro is now the strongest currency in the world," said Japanese tourist O. Shimizu. He was staying at Rio's luxurious Copacabana Palace Hotel, which was offering to change dollars for

equal to \$475 at 40 cruzieros to the dollar.

because no one wanted to sell

Brazil "In France everyone told us

Brazil was cheap but we can't afford to buy anything," said She said they are forced to eat

many of their meals in the hotel, The Hotel Meridien, because many restaurants will not accept credit cards. Jaqueline Hoffman, director of public relations at the Meridien,

said the hotel does not have enough cruzeiros to change more for its guests. With a little effort, cruzeiros can be found, but with variations in rates. On the same block three exchange houses offered rates

varying from 35 to 45 cruzeiros. A taxi driver offered his passenger 50 cruzeiros for each dollar... Those wanting to change other currencies may be out of luck as most exchange houses are accept-

ing only dollars. A Belgian photographer living in Brazil said he found no one who would change the Belgian francs he earns. In the end he went to Paraguay to change money, he said. Foreigners who

"I cut my spending right off," said Australian William Frogley, who has lived in Brazil for 17 years. "Until the dollar goes up I won't spend any money," he said. Con Steers, a Canadian living

in Brazil for five years, receives his salary in cruzeiros. But he said he always converts prices into dollars to see whether an item is expensive or not. "No everything is expensive," he said,

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Turkey eyes Eastern Europe

ing new ways to increase trade with East European countries, including financial support and intensive promotion, officials and bankers say. "Our trade with Eastern Europe is now at the growth stage. These countries are going

through a transforming process. There will be some problems but they should be financially supported," said Turgay Ozkan, head of Turkish Eximbank.

He told Reuters in a recent interview that his bank might extend \$300 million in new credits

to Czechoslovakia, Poland, Hungary and Romania in the first half of 1990 and consumer credits to

be handled by some credit systems... ways of improving trade and new finance models will be sought together," State Minister Gunes Taner told reporters re-

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LONDON (R) - Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midsession on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Tuesday.

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One ounce of gold 368.50/369.00 U.S. dollars

By Reuters

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

TOKYO - Share prices closed mixed after a day of relatively active and volatile trading. The key 225-share Nikkei Index eased 14.53 points or 0.05 per cent to 31,825.96 after surging 1,468.33

SYDNEY - Share prices rallied off thier lows in afternoon trading as the gold price rebounded slightly from an overnight-plunge and demand for leading industrial stocks picked up. The All Ordinaries Index ended 8.6 points lower at 1,558.5.

HONG KONG - Share prices closed easier after trading narrowly on a lack of further incentives to push the market higher. The Hang Seng fell 3.17 to 3,010.85. SINGAPORE - The market closed on a mixed note after selective buying alternated with light and scattered profit-taking, though the Strait Times Industrial Index closed at a record high of

1,607.12, up 3.04, surpassing the previous best of 1,604.08 set Monday. BOMBAY - Closed for a Hindu festival. Trading resumes on

Wednesday. FRANKFURT - Shares ended lower in cautious market with prices pressured by profit-taking and concern over unrest in the

ZURICH — Unrest in the Soviet Union and pressure from slightly higher interest rates kept trading lethargic and Swiss shares closed more than one per cent lower. The all-share SPI index fell 11.7 points to 1,066.6, a new low for the year. PARIS — Profit-taking pushed Preach share prices lower in a largely quiet market. The CAC-40 index ended 18.20 points down

Bank officials say a credit of

and improved by short-term commodity sales including consumer goods," said Tayfun Beyazit, assistant general manager of the private Yapi Kredi Bank.

AMMAN EXCHANGE RATES

U.S. deficit may worsen WASHINGTON (AF) — The U.S. foreign trade deficit is not expected to improve in the next **LONDON EXCHANGE RATES** two years to the extent that it did

in the past two and it could get worse, the Bush administration said Monday.
The administration said that achieving additional reductions in America's trade imbalance would depend on a variety of factors from the growth rate in foreign

> dollar on foreign currency mar-Given the forecasting uncertainties, the administration said it could not rule out . the possibility that the trade deficit will actually worsen in the next two years. It

countries to the value of the

did not forecast an actual deficit The administration said it was possible that further progress will be made in reducing the gap between exports and imports, but it said any improvements would. be at a slower pace than in 1988 and 1989, two years when rapid growth in export sales helped to

lance declined to \$109 billion in 1989, its lowest level since 1984, after hitting an all-time high of \$152 billion in 1987. But many private economists are warning that the deficit will begin rising

again this year, reflecting slower growth in U.S. export sales. The administration's assessment was included in its annual trade projection report to Congress which is required under the 1988 trade law.

Meanwhile, despite pressure from the Bush administration to lower interest rates, the Federal Reserve (Fed) is not likely to budge from its current fightmoney stance when policymakers meet this week, private analysts said Monday. This forecast, if it turns out to

be right, would mean that a variety of business and consumer interest rates will stay about where they are over the next couple of Fed policymakers will convene behind closed doors Wednesday to review current economic de-

velopments and make decisions

on what adjustments are needed

in monetary strategy.

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35 cruzeiros per dollar. live in Brazil and earn dollars also Czaja Raymond, a tourist from face hard times. West Germany, said he paid 19,000 cruzeiros a night at the Sao Paulo Hilton, which at the exchange rate he received was

"For my first four days in Brazil I didn't have any money

cruzeiros." he said. Many tourists are finding Brazil too expensive to stay. French

tourists Gerard Mouget and Japan seen unable

authorities, once viewed as near God-like in their ability to manage economic affairs, may have to watch helplessly as the country's currency falls further in coming months. Foreign exchange traders here

TOKYO (R) — Japan's financial

say that after years of confidence in the yea, Japanese institutional investors are turning against the currency and increasing U.S. dollar buying. The basic trend is downward

for the yen," said Masafumi Koyama, chief corporate trader at the Bank of Tokyo. 'The whole image of Japan is The yen closed at 156.96 to the dollar on Tuesday in Tokyo. Koyama and other dealers say although a short technical correction is likely, the yen should fall

many say the yen is headed to 165 by the beginning of summer. "Japanese investors are totally ballish on the dollar right now," said Ichiro Ikeda in the corporate sales department at Goldman Sachs (Japan).

The Bank of Japan (BOJ) has

attempted to defend the year by

selling dollars but has stretched

to around 160 to the dollar by the

end of next month. From there,

its foreign reserves by unloading an estimated \$12 billion so far this Dealers estimate the reserves now total about \$70 billion, leaving the central bank about \$10 billion to use in market intervention before reserves are so low that ministry of finance officials

"If the BOJ uses that \$10 bilion now, they will have nothing of the yen.

to stop falling yen left to even smooth the dollar's gains in the future," said one City Bank dealer.

Even the once all-powerful ministry of finance is struggling to make sense of the yen's weak-

When asked at a press confer-

ence Tuesday for his view of the

currency market, Finance Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto said: "I have a headache." The yea, which has fallen more than eight per cent against the dollar this month alone, could move still lower on strong Japanese life insurance company buying of two-year and four-year notes at the U.S. Treasury's sales

this week.

More yen could be sold for dollars early next month when Japanese firms put their investment strategies in full gear after their fiscal year-end book closings on March 31. Currency dealers blame the

as well as on recent sharp drops in the Tokyo stock market. Earlier this week, a disappointed foreign exchange market sold the yen after a meeting between Hashimoto and U.S. Treasnry Secretary Nicholas Brady failed to produce a speci-

have managed financial markets,

Dealers fear a similar reaction after next month's meeting of the Group of Seven major industrial nations. Many here expect Japan pressure the bank into changing to push its financial partners atthe meeting to at least produce a tough public statement in support

the yea.

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by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee yen's problems to a large extent on the way Japanese authorities fic, detailed plan for defending

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World opinion split on halves vs. quarters

ZURICH (AP) - The revolutionary proposal to split a soccer match into quarters instead of halves has so far only succeeded in splitting opinion in the world. World Cup nations only agrees

on one thing — the plan will not be in place for the 1994 edition in the United States when an increase in breaks could mean millions of dollars more in advertis-

ing revenue.
Out of the blue last month, FIFA President Joso Havelange called for 25-minute quarters instead of the traditional 45-minute halves to create a bigger financial bonanza at the world's biggest

Initial shock has made way for more contemplative reaction as even some opponents of the idea say it is worth studying. Havelange's proposal flies in the face of soccer's hallowed prin-

ciple of conservatism in rules and regulations, and shook the guardians of that tradition. Northern Irelands Harry

Cavan, an elder FIFA statesman and chairman of the technical committee, found the idea so outlandish that he was not terribly sure Havelange made the ** suggestion. "Dr. Havelange should know it

is a law of the game that is extremely difficult to change," he said at a FIFA World Cup preparatory meeting last weekend. "For him, soccer rules dating back a century do not budge for

financial considerations." Soviet coach Valery Lobanowski agreed. "Havelange thought a bit too much about TV companies and advertising," he said. "You just cannot destroy the rules of the game," he said.

Bobby Robson, the coach of England, the cradle of the game, also said it would be breaking with great tradition. "The current

rules are good principles."
"Two times 45 minutes has existed for a century. You don't need to chance this," said West' Germany's coach Franz Beckenbaner.

WITH OMAR SHARIF & TANNAH HIRSCH

Q.1-Both vulnerable, as South you

#A18 OAKJ1052 06 #Q974

Partner opens the bidding with one

A .- This hand meets both criteria

for a jump shift: a self-sustaining

suit of its own, and a fit for part-

oer's suit. So even though the high-

card count is only 14, we would

Q.2-As South, vulnerable, you

± Q753 ♥ Q865 ♦ QJ62 ±7

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A.—Although textbooks proclaim

that you need 25-26 points to make

game at no trump, most forget to

mention one added provision: both

hands have to have a fair share of

high cards. When the points are dis-

tributed 19-20 and 7, high cards

alone are oot enough, especially

Q 3-Neither vulnerable, as South

♦AK73 - ♥J97 ♦J873 ★92

Partner opens the bidding with one

A .- The trouble with responding

one spade is you will be in an awk-

ward position should partner relaid

one no trump or two clubs-two

hearts is an underbid and three

hearts a distinct stretch. You can

beart. What do you respond?

South West

The bidding has proceeded:

What action do you take?

when there is no fit. Pass.

t 4 Pass 2 NT Pass

club. What do you respond?

GOREN BRIDGE

ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ



Maradona in action

Maradona ready for World Cup

said afterwards.

captain Franco Baresi's first goal

Dutch striker Marco Van Bas-

ten, who scored his 19th league

goal and the winner 12 minutes into the second half, said Milan

to give up the fight, we are once

times... sharp, dedicated, ready

to strike. We've got over our

goal feast Sunday with 35 in nine

games — a tally last equalled May 22, 1960.

Internazionale and Roma led

Italian fans were treated to a

"While we don't expect Napob

the Milan of the good

had found their touch again.

ARGENTINE captain Diego Maradona, an inspirational figure in Napoli's 3-1 defeat of Juventus, declared afterwards he was fitter and better prepared for this year's World Cup finals than in

Mexico four years ago.

Scorning critics who say his days of footballing genius are over, Maradona said: "Do you want to know the truth? I'm better than in 1986.

"My weight's better, my health's better, not to mention my will to play. If I need to spell it out, I'm aiming to have another

great World Cup." Maradona's two goals Sunday were eloquent testimony to his claims tht he has rediscovered his old touch and sharpness — his second was a perfectly flighted free-kick from five metres outside the penalty area.

Now his desire to lead Argentina to a second successive World Cup crown appears to be rekin-

"To have a great World Cup, I need first to have a great end to the championship," he said.

Napoli still trail Italian league leaders AC Milan by a point and the European champions look to have overcome their recent loss of form. After trailing to an early

avoid that problem by raising to two

O.4-Both vulnerable, as South you

♠8 ♥K4 ♦96542 ♣J9765

Partner opens the bidding with one

spade. What action do you take?

bearts immediately.

goal Sunday, Milan brushed aside In West Germany, however, only 11 goals were scored in nine Their rally was due largely to games — the lowest number in

Bundesliga history.
That only added to the misery of fans who fear more of their of the season which levelled the scores by halftime. "We heard in the interval that leading players will be beading Napoli were ahead of Juve. Like a south, lured by the riches of the spring it triggered off inside us the will to beat Lecce," Baresi Italian league.
Five of Franz Beckenbauer's

World Cup line-up already play in Italy and Bayern Munich's Stefan Reuter and Cologne's Thomas Haessler hear the Italians' shopping list.

Despite a goalless draw at Bochum, European Cup semifinalists Bayern Munich stretched their lead to three points at the top after Eintracht Frankfurt lost 3-0 to Bayer Leverkusen. Goals were also the main focus

of the Spanish league where champions-elect Real Madrid took a decisive step towards breaking Barcelona's goalscoring record with a 5-2 win against Tenerife.

the way with wins of 7-2 and 5-2 Real, nine points ahead of over Atalanta and Verona resecond-placed Atletico Madrid and Valencia, need six more It was still short of the all-time goals from seven games to equal the league record of 96 set in record of 42 goals in the 1930-31

Argentina attempts to end goal famine

GLASGOW (R) - Argentina, with time running out before the World Cup in June, are anxiously oing they can solve their goalscoring problems in Wednesday's friendly against Scotland.

The world champions, who have not scored in their last eight matches stretching back to July, will be without their inspirational Captain Diego Maradona who is fulfilling an advertising contract in Japan.

A .- It is quite likely that you have a better spot, but how do you propose Although a 0-0 draw with getting there? Even if you play ooe oo trump as forcing, that action is World Cup hosts Italy in Sardinia fraught with danger. Since you do in December was seen as a good result, manager Carlos Bilardo oot have the values for an immediate response, pass. recognises his side need to find their scoring touch against Scot-O.5-Neither vulnerable, as South

you hold: ♦J2 ♥Q764 ♦ K932 ♠A107 "This game is vitally important to us. We are always under press-Partner opens the bidding with one ure as world champions and there diamond. What do you respond? is so little time left before the A.-Don's bypass a four-card major in favor of raising partner's mi-World Cup. Every game is signifinor, especially these days when cant," he said.

partner might be bidding a three-Bilardo, who managed the card suit. Respond one heart. victorious side in Mexico four years ago, is pinning his hopes on Q.6-Neither vulnerable, as South new wing sensation Claudio Caniggia, a lightning fast striker Partner opens the bidding with one and the man who scored Argentina's last international goal - in diamond. What do you respond? the South American Cham-A.—With two four-card suits, you respond as cheaply as possible to

pionship nine months ago. Caniggia, 23, has scored five partner's minor-suit opening bid. With two five-card suits, however goals for Argentina and is returnbid the higher-ranking first, regard-less of suit quality. Therefore, bid ing to top form for Atalanta after a mixed first season in Italian football with Verona clouded by

a broken leg that put him out for

four months. Scotland manager Andy Roxburgh, also seeking a reliable source of goals, continues to experiment with his line-up and is giving several uncapped players an opportunity to stake a World

Cup place.
His successful striking partnership of Glasgow Rangers pair Ally McCoist and Mo Johnston, who have suffered a loss of form recently, are dropped to the substitutes' bench to make way for Alan McInally and debutaut Robert Fleck.

Fleck has scored 12 times for Norwich in the English first Division this season, while McInally has scored nine goals for West German league leaders Bayern Munich.

"I have no compunction about starting both of them," said Rox-

burgh.
"I would certainly rather do it now than against Costa Rica in our opening World Cup game. We need to know what they can do long before then.

"This match and next month's game against East Germany are all about learning." Alex McLeish takes over the

captaincy with Roy Aitken also relegated to the beach, while Everton midfielder Stuart McCall and Hearts defender Craig Levein make their debuts.

Spain faces Austrian fire in World Cup warm-up

lific Austrian strikers Anton Polster and Gerhard Rodax will test Spain's defence in a soccer friendly between two World Cup finalists Wednesday.

Polster has plenty of experi-ence of football in Spain as Sevil-la's leading marksman, while Rodax has attracted the interest of several Spanish clubs.

Roxax netted a hat-trick in Admira Wacker's 5-1 destruction of Vienna last weekend to strengthen his position as top scorer in the Australian league this season with 32 goals.

Struggling First Division Celta Vigo made a bid for him last week and press reports have said Atletico Madrid and Barcelona Poister has caused Spanish club

defences a lot of probelms this season and his current tally of 27 goals is bettered only by the 33 amassed by Real Madrid's Mexican star Hugo Sanchez.

Spanish team chief Luis Suarez is well aware of the perils posed by Austria. "Their play is based on a good defence with two very dangerous points, one of which is Polster," h e said. "And they are very dangerous on the counter-

Austria have been badly hit by the absence of offensive midifelder Andreas Herzog, who sustained an injury last weekend and was ruled out of the Spain

the squad and I shall have to rethink my tactics," Austrian team chief Josef Hickersberger

Andreas Reisinger stands in for Herzog, while sweeper Ernst Aigner may be dropped after a poor game last weekend.

Hickersberger will prohably organise his defence round Robert Peci, whom he rates as .Austria's best defender.

The absence of Luis Milla from the Spanish squad has prompted the Spanish press to speculate that the Barcelona midfielder may have lost his World Cup

A more likely explanation is

that Milla, who played in Spain's last three internationals, is unfit after missing recent Barcelona games over a pay dispute with coach Johan Cruyff.

Suarez rejected press specula-tion about Milla, "the fact that be's not playing momentarily does not mean be's excluded," he

Sevilla midfielder Rafa Paz replaces Valencia's Fernando Gomez who plays for Spain's under-21 team against Italy Thursday.

Suarez has also called up Valencia defender Quique San-chez and recalled Gijon goalkeeper Juan Ablanedo to the squad as back-up for first choice Andoni Zubizarreta.

'Frenchie' faces 1st big test

DEAUVILLE (R) — The great white hope of French boxing. Christophe Tiozzo, faces his moment of truth Friday when he fights for a world title for the first

Despite an immaculate 25-0 record and a recent listing in the World Boxing Council rankings as official challenger for Sugar Ray Leonard's world super-middleweight title, Tiozzo still feels that American fight circles regard him merely as "a smart bittle Frenchie.'

Standing between him and the chance to earn the respect of the boxing fraternity is South Korea's Back In-Chul, holder of the World Boxing Association's super-middleweight title.

Tiozzo is oozing with confidence at the thought of Friday's first in Luce hefers rabid home

fight in Lyon before rabid home fans who see in the 26-year-old the potential champion they have been waiting and hoping for.
"I know I will probably not be able to stop him in the first few rounds," Tiozzo said after a sparring session in the chic Normandy seaside resort of Deauville where he has set up his training headquarters.

"I am fit enough to outpoint him but I think I can win the fight inside the distance, by the sixth or . eighth rounds, maybe even before that.

"He is a dangerous fighter, with an impressive record (46 wins to two defeats with 42 victories inside the distance) but I know I can beat him."

If he can fulfil his own expectations Friday, Tiozzo will take a step towards the big time, though he is aware there would still be a long way to go.

"I would love to fight somebody like (Panama's Roberto) Duran," he said. "But people like (top promoter) Bob Arum hardly know who I am. They know Tiozzo is a smart little Frenchie but that's about it. "What I've got to do now is

fight American boxers in the United States to get famous over there. We will need the backing of an American sponsor." Tiozzo found his own way of

sampling the fight scene on the other side of the Atlantic by spending six weeks in Miami for some strenuous workonts for his bout with Back before beading for Deauville.

The highly popular Tiozzo, who always finds time for fans and the media, has been able to train in relaxed surroundings in Normandy. "I love it here. Everybody is so nice to me," he said. "I like to feel on holiday when I'm training."

He stopped American Frank Miuton iu eight rounds iu

Deauville last July and would also like to have staged his world title fight in the resort's casino. But its 500-seat capacity ruled it out as absurdly small for France's

fight of the year. Instead, around 10,000 Tiozzo fans will pack Lyon's Palais Des Sports in the expectation of toasting a new French world cham-

The devaluation of world titles, now that 68 are available in the different weights of the four international governing bodies, will not lessen the celebrations should their man win.

Nor will it detract from au eventual victory in Tiozzo's own mind. "It's a pity (there are so many titles) but there's not much can do about it," he said. "Some guys dou't deserve their world titles but I know I will deserve mine. I will prove it."

Hi-tech media is off limits for soccer

ZURICH (AP) - High tecimology is well on its way to exposing even the tiniest refereeing errors at the World Cap, and the ruling body of world soccer is not amused.

A demonstration of computer technology at a Fifth congress last weekend showed that refereeing nightmares like narrow off-side rulings and goalline disputes can he judged up to a dozen centimetres, and Italian Rai tele vision plans to provide viewers with plenty of examples during the month-long tournament.

That displeases FIFA, which already sees fear of failure and emotional pressures building further on its lonesome referees. Blataut bangling against a team exposed by scientific means might set off a

You cannot heat up the atmosphere against the re-ferce, said FIFA general secretary Joseph Blatter. World Cup organisers have already barred the use of video replays on the stadium screens to protect its referees from the peut-np anger from the

Soccer has always shield away from using videotape in a. match to check decisions and is so conservative in its rules and regulations it does not even want to use electronic timing. The computerised telebean

system seems light years ahead of soccer rules. In turns a simple television

picture into computer graphics, then zips to an ideal perspective on a play and zooms in to pinpoint with miunte precision whether a ball crossed the line or whether an attacker was standing level with a defender or centimetres behind him in an off-side dispute.

It can also simulate the vi-

sion of a striker, showing from his viewpoint how he received a pass, ran on goal and shot out of reach of the goalie. Jaws of jaded journalists

dropped to the floor during the demonstration, but World Cup referees might be agape with embarrassment while fans clench their teeth in frustra-The telebeam pictures

would be broadcast after the match for analysis purposes and might show the result of a match to be plain wrong.

We would like it not to be used but we cannot see how it can be done, said Blatter. He said he would discuss the issue with Rai, the Italian network responsible for the international television pictures. The potential for con-

troversy is there. At the 1966 World Cup finals, Englands Geoff Hurst scored the winning shot in the final against West Germany wben a blistering drive richocetted off the bar and seemingly for the linesman into the goal. But afterwards photos showed the ball never crossed the goalline. With stuff like this we might

have to play that final again, said Englands coach Bobby Robson, who was also impressed with the telebeam performance.

Rai has used the system on a smaller scale over the past few years, and there has yet to be a violent crowd reactions to a . bad call, even when a referee was proven wrong.

There have been no problems so far, admitted hlatter. Only discussions.

Television bas never been used to judge a match, but has played a role in disciplinary sentencing for incidents that escaped the attention of the

points, and they tell you that the

last racer came through at II

o'clock. Then, you try to figure

Even those simple things be-

out how far behind you are."

come terrible math problems,

and a few hours later, you can't

even remember when you came

in, she said. I've learned to cope

with it, and I'm able to figure out

strategical problems when others

often make disastrous mistakes.

Butcher triumphs again in great race

NEW YORK (AP) — For 11 days, Susan Butcher fought her way through Alaska's deepest snow in a quarter century, battling temperatures that dropped to 40 below celcius at night and winds that ripped through the mountains and over the frozen Bering sea at 160 kmph.

Three of her 14 veteran sled dogs had to be sent home, injured or ill, and sign of half-starved moose dotted the 1,863-kilometre iditared trail from Anchorage to For a record-tying fourth time, Butcher won the iditarod trail sled dog race, which commemorates the historic 1925 relay of diptheria serum to the dying gold miners of Nome.

"I do love it," she said, "the dogs, the wilderness, the lifes-

Butcher broke her 1987 record time by more than 10 minutes when she finished March 14 in II days, I hour, 53 minutes and 23 seconds, averaging more than 241 kilometres and less than an hours

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Violence jolts S.Africa's delicate peace process

JOHANNESBURG (R) — Bloodshed in the black township of Sebokeng clouded South Africa's delicate peace process, with some anti-apartheid campaigners saying Tnesday the killings undermined President F.W. de Klerk's promises of reform.

The Vaal Civic Associatioo, an anti-apartheid group that represents residents of nine townships south of Johannesburg including Sebokeng, said between 13 and 17 people were killed and 280 wounded, 30 seriously, when police fired on thousands of peaceful black demoostrators Monday.

Police said five people were killed and 130 injured when officers opened fire in self-defence on 50,000 militant blacks armed with an assortment of sticks and stones, bottles and iron pipes who attacked officers and went on a looting spree.

Sebokeog's hospital counted eight killed in the clashes.

Black groups looking forward to the start next mooth of groundbreaking talks between De Klerk and the main opposition organisation, the African National Congress (ANC), expressed dis-

may at the incident.
"Obviously our reaction is one of ootrage," said Morphy Morobe, a spokesman for the United Democratic Front (UDF), a coalition of organisa-tions allied to the ANC.

"Such events do not conform to the public pronouncements of the white leadership. They proc-laim freedom publicly hot they want to retain the control they have always kept through the

WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

Poles seek compensation from Germany

WARSAW (R) - Polish World War II victims protested Tuesday

against German demands for Poland to renounce claims for war

reparations and said Germany should pay "dignified and fust

compensation." The association of Poles harmed by the German

Third Reich, which is preparing a compensation claim for more

than a million Poles who did slave labour in Nazi Germany, said

the German proposals offended international law and morality.

West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl asked Poland last mooth to

confirm a 1956 decision to renounce reparations in exchange for

formal German confirmation of Poland's borders which include

pre-war German territories. The Polish government refused to

link the two issues. It did not make clear if it would press for

state-to-state reparations but has said it will support any justified

claim the association makes. The association made clear it would

press ahead with its demands. "We continue to consider dignified

and just compensation for those wronged by the Third Reich as an

indispensable premise for real Polish-German reconciliation and

LISBON (AP) — Angolan military officials have claimed the United States is increasing lethal aid to rebels fighting a 15-year civil war against the southern African country's Marxist govern-

ment, Portugal's News Agency LUSA reported. According to

army officials cited in a LUSA report Monday from the Angolan

capital of Luanda, two shiploads of U.S. war material, destined

for the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola

(UNITA) were unloaded early this month at a port in Angola's

northern neighbour, Zaire. The report said Angolan secret

service agents claimed the equipment arrived Feb. 27 at the

Zairean port of Matadi in two freighters. The report said one of

the ships was Israeli but did not give the nationality of the second.

PEKING (AP) — China's Communist Party expelled 33,400 members in 1989 for offenses such as abuse of power or

ideological shortcomings, the official party newspaper said

Tuesday. "Party inspection offices investigated 197,400 cases of

discipline violations within the party, and measures were taken

against 158,800 members," the Peoples Daily said. The 48

million-member party called for a reappraisal of the credentials of

all its members following the pro-democracy movement of last spring that gained considerable support from party members.

After the movement was crushed last June, party leaders said those who had failed to pass the ideological tests of the

counter-revolutionary rebellion would face expulsion or other

disciplinary action. However, the Peoples Daily report did not

give a breakdown of reasons for the expulsions, and the number

BOSTON (R) — The reputed head of New England's biggest

crime family and 20 other people have been indicted after a

five-year probe that Attorney General Dick Thornburgh said Monday had plunged "a stake in the heart" of the mafia clan.

Thornburgh, announcing three indictments containing 113 counts

against 21 reputed organised crime members, also said law

enforcement officials had for the first time secretly recorded an

induction ceremony into a mafia crime family. Among those

arrested in Monday-morning sweeps in Rhode Island, Connecti-

cut, and Massachusetts was Raymond Patriarca Jr, the reputed

head of the Providence, Rhode Island crime family which bears

HONG KONG (AP) - More than 100 Vietnamese flew back to

their Communist homeland Tuesday in the 15th batch of boat people to be voluntarily repatriated from Hong Kong under a

United Nations-sponsored programme. The 106 who flew back to

Hanoi aboard a chartered jet bring the number of Vietnamese

flown back voluntarily in the past year to 1,582. Another 1,700

boat people detained in Hong Kong have offered to return under

the programme, which the Vietnamese government has promised

to speed up to handle about 1,000 returnees a month by May.

About 55,000 Vietnamese are being held in prison-like camps in

China expels 33,400 from party

was not greatly higher than in past years.

106 boat people return home

Head of U.S. crime family indicted

uction of a just moral order in Europe,"

Angola: U.S. increasing aid to UNITA

machinery of apartheid," he said. The civil rights watchdog organisation Detainees Aid Centre said its figures for casualties in Sebokeng matched those of the Vaal Association.

Spokeswoman Audrey Coleman said the group knew of at least 400 hlacks killed by police in similar situations involving political protest since De Klerk told parliament on Feb. 2 he was lifting: restrictions on the ANC and other opposition groups.

She said the incidence of detention without trial under the tough emergency laws had also risen since the turn of the year.

"We absolutely condemn what is happening," Coleman said. "This is was a peaceful march by people accepting De Klerk at his word that they have a right to articulate their grievances. Then police opened fire without warning. The people were sitting

"De Klerk must get his police under control."

Government officials denied police provoked the marchers and said officers had been asked to act with restraint.

Reuters correspondent Rich Mkboudo reported from Sebokeng Tuesday morning that the township was tense but quiet with most people having returned to work. Schools were closed.

An official of the Vaal Civic Association, who preferred for his safety not to be identified. blamed the police and government for the "massacre" after residents had collected to protest against high rents and racial seg-

"The police declared war by banniog our peaceful march. People had no alternative but to defy the banning order. Is this the kind of new South Africa the president is talking about?" the official said.

Senior ANC leaders are due to return from exile this week to prepare for preliminary talks with De Klerk on April 11.

The success of negotiations could hang on the ability of the white government to use its security forces with restraint as blacks exercise new freedoms to express

Black anti-apartheid leaders are searching for ways to control mounting faction fighting among their own supporters, which also menaces progress towards nego-

Many whites and blacks fear a resurgence of the violence that raged through townships from 1983 to 1987. That bloodletting, which left at least 3,000 dead and shook South Africa to its foundations, began in the Vaal triangle. the industrial heartland of South

Africa around Johannesburg. In Loodon, veteran ANC leader Walter Sisulo said Tuesday the latest township violeoce should not threaten talks between Sooth Africa's white minority

government and the ANC. Asked by Britain's Channel Four daily television programme whether conflict between security forces and demonstrators would eopardise next month's talks, Sisulo said by telephone from South Africa: "1 don't know why

Another Stalin-era mass grave found in Germany

EAST BERLIN (R) -- East Germany said Tuesday it had discovered what appears to be a second secret mass grave of victims of Stalin's security police, just north of Berlin.

The East German News Agency (ADN) said workers had found human remains after excavations in woods near the town Nazi concentration camp which was converted into a Stalinist internment camp after World



Vietnam changed borders, annexed lands - Sihanouk

PEKING (AP) — Cambodian resistance leader Prince Norodom Sihanouk charged Tuesday that Vietnam has seized control of two Cambodian provinces and annexed several islands.

The most serious threat to the survival of Cambodia is the modification by Vietnam of the frontiers of Cambodia, Sihanouk said in a news conference.

Meanwhile, Thailands army-run television station reported that Vietnam has proposed that Thailand and China join it in talks on a settlement of the 11year guerrilla war in Cambodia.

The Vietnamese government made the proposal in talks in Hanoi Monday with Gen. Chavalit Yongchaiyudh, the first Thai army chief to visit Vietnam since the U.S. Vietnam War, the television report said late Monday.

Chavalit, whose delegation included other senior officers as well as husinessmen, met with Prime Minister Do Muoi, Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach and Defence Minister Gen. Le Duc

Thailand has backed a coalitioo of three guerrilla groups fighting the government led by Hun Sen that Vietnam installed in Cambodia after invading the country in late 1978.

On the border question, Sibanouk said Vietnam moved into the provinces of Ratanakiri and Monulkiri and onto several unidentified offshore islands with the consent of the Hanoi-backed Cambodian government.

He also reiterated charges that ese soldiers Cambodia despite Hanoi's muchpublicised troop pullout last fall, and said 1 million Vietnamese settlers are in the country, in

some places making the Cambo-dians an ethnic minority. Many of the Vietnamese settlers moved to Cambodia to

escape fighting during the Viet-

Sihanouk, who resigned earlier this year as president of the threeparty resistance coalition, said general elections were impossible until the Vietnamese settlers

were removed. Hun Sens government gave them citizenship, but thats not acceptable to us. Hun Sens deci-

sions are illegal, he said. Sihanouk also repeated denials that his faction is cooperating with the Khmer Rouge faction of the coalition.

The Khmer Rouge killed hundreds of thousands of people in an attempt at a Communist agrarian revolution when it ruled Cambodia before Vietnams invasion in late 1978, and there is concern that the group would regain power if the Hun Sen government is dismantled.

"1 am not pro-Khmer Rouge, I am not red, not even pink," Sihanouk said.

He said his forces and the Khmer Rouge occupy "neigh-bouring territories in Cambodia and when we attack the same enemy, a common enemy, how can we avoid seeing each other?"

Sihanonk in late February returned to Cambodia after an 11year exile. At the news conference in his Peking residence, he handed out a glossy brochure showing his quarters in one of

He returned to Peking this month because his mother-in-law has been hospitalised io the Chinese capital.

China believed to export new ballistic missiles

PEKING (R) — China is believed to have begun exporting short-range ballistic missiles, probably to Iran or Iraq, to raise hadly needed cash. Western di-

plomats said Tnesday.

Chinese Defence Ministry officials told Reuters they were unaware of any missile sales.

Western military attaches said shipmeots of the surface-to-surface missiles were being made while Western countries enjoyed vastly reduced influence with Peking because of a severe strain in ties since a bloody army crackdown last June.

U.S. President George Bush has said National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft, on a controversial visit to Peking last December, was giveo a "very sound" pledge that missiles would not be sold to the Middle

Bot the U.S. administration has not specified what kind of Chinese statement.

Witnesses saw two convoys carrying 26 missiles as well as launchers and other accessories moving through the outskirts of Peking over a three-day period since

The convoys appeared to be heading towards the main north China port of Tianjin.

The missiles were believed to have been the M1B, which has a range of 80 to 120 kilometres and is a relatively new addition to China's arsenal, developed within the last two years.

The convoys moved under cover of darkness with police cars leading the way and bringing up the rear. Police were stationed along the route, warning away motorists who approached

Diplomats in Peking, lacking clarification by Washington, have assumed that China's pledge not to sell missiles to the Middle East missiles were covered by the covered ballistic missiles.

Fighting intensifies after pact to dismantle contras

MANAGUA (AP) — Three days after the U.S.-backed contras signed an agreement to disband by mid-April, rebels are streaming into Nicaragua amid reports of intensified fighting.

International observers and witnesses say contra bases across the border from Nicaragua in Yamales, Honduras, are almost

They have become gbost camps. There's just a few of them left there, said one international observer who spoke on coodition

Journalists who visited the camps last week had similar re-

The contra leader who negotiated the demohilisation pact, Oscar Sovalbarro, said 2,000 rebel fighters have returned since the accord was signed Friday.

The movement of rebel fighters into Nicaranga could undermine hopes raised by the accord, which establishes a demohilisation deadline only for the contras in Honduras. In Miami, the top contra milit-

insisted the fighters in Nicaragua would not disarm until the Sandinista army does. "We are speaking of total de-

ary commander, Israel Galeano,

mobilisation - that inncludes both ourselves and the Sandinis-

Sandinista leaders have said the party will not turn over control of the army to the new government unless the rebels disarm. The Defence Ministry says there have been at least two clashes between the army and the contras since Friday in which 16 people died.

The ministry also said about 100 contras seized a truck Sunday night, robbed the passengers of cash and jewellery and made the owner pay \$500 to get the vehicle

The incideots reportedly occurred near the provincial capital of Jinotega, 160 kilometres northeast of Managua in northern Nicaragua on the Hooduran border.

International observers say there appears to be a split among the contras over the pact. Both Sovalbarro and Galeano denied any rift. "At the moment we are a very

solid organisation. We mutually support each other," Galeano in-Solvabarro and a spokesman

for Galcano, Alejandro Acev-deo, denied that there had been an increase in fighting and said the Sandinistas were lying about the incidents. "We think the Sandinistas are

disguising themselves and staging attacks to discredit us," Acevedo

The demobilisation agreement signed Friday in the Honduran capital of Tegucigalpa between resentatives of the rebels and of the incoming government of the United National Opposition Alliance, or UNO, calls for an immediate ceasefire.

an international flavour, Jack

Lemmon and Soviet actress Nata-

lya Negoda were seen by satellite

announcing the best foreign lan-

guage film from Moscow. In a

swirl round the world, stars were

also seen in London, Sydney and

Bucoos Aires aooooociog

Italy won the award for best

foreign-language film for Cinema Paradiso, a nostalgic look at the

1940s through the eyes of a Sicilian cinema projectionist, played by Philippe Noiret, and a boy,

The award for hest

documentary went to Common

Threads: Stories From the Quilt.

about a quilt which bears the

names of people who had died of

Akira Kurosawa, director of such classic Japanese films as Ran

and Rashomon was given a stand-

ing ovation when he was pre-sected by filmmakers George Lucas and Steven Spielberg with the academy's Lifetime Achieve-

ment Award.

played by Salvatore Cascio.

Trump's wife seeks haif his fortune

NEW YORK (R) -- Billionaire

Donald Trump's wife Ivana has

asked a court to declare her enti-

tled to half of the real-estate developer's estimated \$5 billion fortune, but said she did not want a divorce even though he had abandoned and humiliated her. In the first legal papers to be filed in the headline-making markel battle of the Trumps, Mrs. Trump asked the New York State Sunreme Court to declare invalid a 1987 that says she was only enti-tied to \$10 million in cash and property worth about \$10 million. A 24-page complaint was filed with New York State Supreme Court against Tremp, whose marital problems have been the talk of New York for the part month. In it, Mrs. Trump alleged that in the last three years of their marriage, Donald Trump verbally abused and humiliated her to force her to submit to his demands. She says he abandoned her on Feb. 11. Trump has been linked with actress Marie Maples but has not sought divorce or separation from his wife. He and glamorous Czechoslovak-bern vana enjoy celebrity status in New York. Mrs. Trump's lawyer Michael Kennedy told a news conference that the complaint is not asking for an actual monetery award, but rather the right to half of Trump's assets by the invalidation of the auptiel agreement. Donald Trump's lawyer, Jay Goldberg, said the legal action was full of holes and would not stand up in any court o law. Goldberg added that Mrs. Trump knew exactly what she is doing when she signed the 1987 egree-

Japanese surrender again in Iwo Jima

TOKYO (R) - Japanese forces on the island of Iwo Jima, scene of a bloody World War II battle, were defeated again this week but by the sun rather than enemy warships, aircraft and marines. Japan's Defence Agency said Tuesday it had begun evacuating half the 300 navy and air force personnel stationed on the desolate island because its rainwater reservoir bad dropped to a critical level. If no rain fell by the end of the month, all but about 75 would leave, a spokesman said. The wartime battle for Iwo Ima, a volcanic island about 1,300 kilometres south of Tokyo, began on Feb. 19, 1945 when U.S. Marines landed by sea. Almost all of the Japanese garrison of 23,000 and about 7,000 U.S. marines were killed in the fighting which raged for about a month.

Car thieves caught by using car phone

SYDNEY (R) — An Australian man, waking up on Monday night to hear his sports car being stolen, helped police catch the three thieves by ringing them on his car phone. "They were a bit dopey," said Richard Lassen, 37, of Sydney. "During our conversa-tion one of them said his name was Steve and 1 heard the other guy use his real name." "It took a while before they realised I owned the car. Wheo they did they must have tried to hang up," he told reporters Tuesday. The thieves put the phone back in its holder thinking that would cut Lassen off. But he could still hear them talking and the car going round sharp corners and braking hard. He guessed which scious they were in, stopped the call and rang the police. Police gave chase and arrested the three when the car crashed over an embankment.

Texas candidate in controversy over rape 'loke'

HOUSTON (R) - A Republican

candidate for the Texas governor's race has come moder a storm of protest after jokingly comparing bad weather to raph, saying "if it's inevitable, just roizz and enjoy it." Clayton Williams made the remark at a media-attended cattle rounder athis 26,000-acre (1,052a-hecaint) ranch in west Texas over the weekend. When questioned about the comment, Williams, whose tough stances against crime have been a alknark of his campaign, initially defended it as 'just a joke" that was not out of place in the macho world of the cowboy. "That's not a Republican Women's Club that we were having this morning. It's a working cow camp, a tough world where you can get kicked in the testicles if you're not careful," by told reporters. But later, Wifliams issued a written apology.

Jessica Tandy, Daniel Day-Lewis win top Oscars In an attempt to give the show

LOS ANGELES (R) - Eighty-year-old actress Jessica Tandy and comparative British newcomer Daniel Day-Lewis won Hollywood Oscars for best actress and actor and Driving Miss Daisy drove off with most awards, in cluding best picture.

"You have just provided me with the makings of one hell of a week-end in Dublin," the normally shy Day-Lewis said after receiving his Oscar for his role as the feisty, crippled Irish writer and poet Christy Brown in My Left Foot.

It was a big night for the Irish film, which was made independently with none of the big Hollywood promotion.

Irish actress Brenda Fricker won the award for best supporting actress for playing Brown's indomitable mother. Denzel Washingtoo was named

best supporting actor for his role of a runaway slave who joins the first black regiment in the American civil war in Glory.

But the betting favourite, Driv-

ing Miss Daisy, the gentle story of the growing friendship between a Jewish matron, played by the London-born Tandy, and her chaufeur, Morgan Freeman, in the U.S. south, led the field with four awards.

"I am on cloud nine," Tandy said after receiving her golden statuette to a loud ovation from the star-packed audience. "I never expected I would ever be in this position."

The white-haired actress, who made her stage debut in 1927, seemed overcome with emotion for a few moments and clasped her head while her husband and stage partner Hume Cronyn looked on anxiously.

The actress, still slim and erect with an imposig stage presence, became the oldest performer ever to win an Oscar. George Burns, now 96, was

also 80, but was seven months younger than Tandy when he won for The Sunshine Boys. Tandy thanked — "that forgotten man, my Director Bruce Be-

resford." Although the film received' nine nominations, the Academy



of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, made up of 4,700 film industry members, failed to nominate the Australian Beresford. It was a bitter sweet victory for

The script was turned down by studio after studio and the film was finally distributed by Warner Brothers only after the budget had been cut from \$12 to \$7.5 million and the stars, including Tandy, had agreed to work for salaries below their normal

The film has so far taken more than \$70 million at U.S. box offices.

Oliver Stone, twice wounded

Ron Kovic who came back from the war in a wheelchair and became an anti-war crusader. Stone had previously been named best director for directing

Day-Lewis, who almost gave nominated for Enemies, A Love up acting before he was offered the role of Christy Brown, said in a moving speech before a television audience expected to reach a



Jessica Tandy

"Wheo he was alive, he (Brown) needed very little encouragement to make his voice heard. Now he needs a little more encouragement, and 1 am truly grateful to you," Lewis, 31, the son of the late British poet laureate C. Day-Lewis, said.

Brown suffered from cerebral palsy and could control only his left foot but managed to paint and write with the limb. Day-Lewis had previously

played a womanising doctor in

The Unbearable Lightness of Being and a homosexual punk in My Beautiful Laundrette. Fricker, little known to American audiences although she is a star of a BBC television series, Causalty, said after receiving the award for playing Brown's

Christy Brown for just being alive. I would also like to thank Mrs. Brown. She also happily expressed some disappointment at winning. "I had bet a friend \$50 Lena Olin would get the award," she told reporters. Olin had been

mother: I would like to thank

My Left Foot was the first Irish film to be nominated for best

Washington, who had been nominated once before, for Cry Freedom, held his golden statuette aloft and declared; "I'd like to



Oliver Stone

God 1 get to use this."

"Vietnam is a state of mind that continues all over the world for as long as man in his quest for power interferes in the affairs of

who wrote the screenplay adaptation with him, for "his largeness of beart."

wrote the stage plasay, won the award for best screenplay adaptation and the film also won the best makeup prize.

Tandy and Morgan Freeman.

who played Miss Daisy's chauffeur and had been a favourite to win the best actor award, had also both appeared in the play oo broadway.

when British cameraman Freddie Francis won the award for best cinematography and the film won the award for best sound.



thank the black soldiers who helped make this country free." Pulliog oot his acceptance speech - with an academy rule limiting speeches to 45 seconds apparently forgotten for most of the night — he added: "Thank

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Driving Miss Daisy picked up

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Driving Miss Daisy.

as an infantry sergeant in Viet-nam, won his second Oscar for directing a Vietnam war film -Born on the Fourth of July." It was the story of ex-marine

another Vietnam war film, Pla-

billion people, he had shared Brown's life with a remarkable young actor, Hugh O'Connor, who played Brown as a boy.

Stone, in a sombre mood, gave the academy his deepest thanks for, he said, acknowledging the Vietnam war was not over.

other men," be said. He thanked a smiling Kovic,

its third and fourth awards when playswright Alfred Uhry, who

Glory won two more prizes